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"GHOST TEAM" TAKING SHAPE

SOCCEROO BLUNDER BY ASF

SAYS KEITH GILMOUR

THE Australian Soccer Federation has blundered in its decision to pass control of the Australian Youth team to the Institute of Sport.

There are three main points on which the credibility of Australian Soccer is founded.

These are the National team, the Youth team and the National Soccer League.

The first appearance in the World Youth Cup in 1979, the staging of the 1981 World finals, and the display in Mexico this year have been overshadowed by the performance of the National team.

Many of the players in the 1983 team were completely raw when Les Scheinflug and Raul Blanco took them over.

They were placed in a cauldron and subjected to every imaginable pressure before they were ready to finally distinguish themselves in Mexico.

Can AIS men Jim Shoulder and his assistant Ron Smith do the job as well?

ASF treasurer Tom Grimson sees the prob-



Jimmy Shoulder lem from two viewpoints, the first of which is financial.

Secondly, he managed the 1982/83 Youth team for Scheinflug.

He said: "Scheinflug has a proven record with the young Socceroos. Blanco for ex-

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PENRITH CITY, the "ghost team" of the new National Soccer League, will materialise from nothing in the next few weeks.

That, at least, is what has been promised.

The people who swept Penrith into the NSL will be saying their prayers that this entirely new club, with no players or coaches and in the hands of a steering committee for the past few weeks, can keep its promises.

If the huge gamble taken on Penrith by the NSL and the Australian Soccer Federation does not come off, there will be a bitter backlash from several established NSW State League clubs who were rejected in favour of the ghost team.

Already, Sutherland Shire, who put forward a good case for NSL inclu-

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sion, have officially protested to the ASF about missing the cut-off.

A Sutherland official told AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY: "If Manly had been preferred to our club, we would not have objected. But we do object strongly to the election of this team Penrith City."

Nevertheless, all the work done behind the scenes for the past few months has paid off for Penrith City and the NSL is now stuck with the ghost team.

Penrith is going to work immediately on building the team from nothing.

The club has received

nearly 30 letters from UK professional players and says it hopes to sign three imports.

Obviously, some established players in the NSL and the State Leagues will also be signed.

And Penrith hopes to fill some places in its squad with promising

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Marshall Soper outjumps Don McLeod at St George Stadium in the National Cup Final.

HEIDELBERG MUST BE FAVOURITES

HEIDELBERG slight favourites — that's the way the betting boys are looking at the National Cup Final.

The second leg will be played in Melbourne at the excellent Olympic Park next Sunday.

Sydney Olympic travel south with a one goal advantage after last Sunday's victory over Heidelberg at St George Stadium.

Will that be enough to give Olympic the Cup?

That's the big question. Judged on other competitions played over home and away legs (like the European Cup), Olympic cannot be tipped.

A team travelling away and losing by only one goal normally feels pleased with its result. Just as Heidelberg coach Jim Tansey expressed pleasure with last Sunday's 1-0 defeat.

Olympic will be tempted to play defensively in Melbourne, working on the theory "what we have we hold."

But coach Manfred Schaefer insists he will not employ defensive tactics.

EDITORIAL

THERE has been quite a lot of discussion recently about the strength, or otherwise, of the Australian national squad to play in the Merlion Cup competition in Singapore.

Most critics seem well satisfied with the 22 names chosen by coach Les Scheinflug, although ASW was critical of some of the selections.

We were talking about the squad with one of the most knowledgeable coaches in the National League and he came out with a statement which started us thinking.

This coach, whose name need not be mentioned, declared bluntly: "Scheinflug should have restricted his squad to Australian-born or Australian-developed players. Soccer in this country has grown up. It has outgrown the necessity to rely on foreign players when a national team is selected."

An interesting comment. But is it a feasible idea? Are the locals good enough to keep the imports out of the Australian team?

When you look at the names on Scheinflug's 22-man list, it suggests that, despite all the well-meaning talk, Australia is still not producing enough local talent.

There are nine imports. That is surely too many in a 22-player squad.

Could Australia travel to Singapore without them?

Examine some of the names: — Joe Watson, David Ratcliffe, Phil O'Connor, Ken Murphy, Gary Cole, Jimmy Campbell, Jimmy Cant, Alex Robertson and Tony Henderson.

There is a lot of genuine talent there. But it appears to be a safety-first squad. Success in the Merlion tournament is apparently the vital consideration.

Maybe Scheinflug is right to think along these lines. He wants to keep his national coaching job and success in Singapore would undoubtedly strengthen his case.

Yet we must feel sad about so many good young Aussie-bred players missing the boat — or the jet plane.

Surely the squad would not have been seriously weakened if, in place of some of the imported players, locals had been selected.

A few names that come to mind... Oscar Crino, Paul Kay, Tony Dakos, Ray Vlietstra, Gary Phillips, Steve Blair, Steve Glockner, Joe Senkalski, Ian Gray, Charlie Villani, Russell Stewart.

Probably there are good reasons why some were not picked for the Singapore jaunt... perhaps injury or unavailability. But most of them would have been thrilled to win places in the squad.

Maybe the dream of an all-Australian team is not ready to become reality yet. Possibly, for the really important tournaments, Australia must continue to use foreign-born talent.

But does it really have to be used in such large numbers?

It would be a refreshing move — though quite a large gamble — to see Australia represented in the near future by a squad of locals.

Be sure such players would fight till they dropped if they wore the green and gold.

Why not give them the opportunity?

URUGUAY won the Copa America holding Brazil to a 1-1 draw after a 2-0 victory in Montevideo.

Uruguay were behind for most of the game when Jorginho put Brazil ahead in the 23rd minute.

Brazil's Socrates, showing no sign of the injury which has troubled him, took control.

After 73 minutes, Uruguay attacked and Ramos sent over a cross.

Aguilera headed into the net.

BRISBANE CITY LOSE LIDDELL

BRISBANE CITY stopper and captain Frank Liddell is to return to Scotland. Liddell, 26, has named family reasons for his decision to leave City one year before the end of his visa and contract.

A former Hearts player, he has been an outstanding success in the Brisbane side since he was signed midway through last season.

He has played in a number of positions in the central defence or mid-field but is probably best known by opposing forwards for his uncompromising, but fair, tackles.

Liddell was also used extensively by City in attacking dead ball situations this season but managed to put only one of his powerful headers away — in the 2-4 loss to St George at Spencer Park in September.

The solid Scotsman took over the captaincy at City about six weeks before the end of the season following a form slump by Frank Pimblett.

Liddell was a continual

inspiration to City's many new young players and will be difficult to replace.



Liddell

SA TEAMS STAYING IN THE NSL

BY TOM MCKAIN

BOTH Adelaide's National Soccer League clubs have quashed rumours that they will pull out of the NSL.

While they admit they have had to cut expenses this season, City and West are committed to the NSL and will stick with it, according to leading officials.

"There would be little interest in City if we were not in the NSL," said club president Joe Linarello.

"We will play in any national competition, no matter what the format."

"Talk of us withdrawing is only speculation, the type which comes before any annual general meeting, and was prompted probably because we brought our AGM forward to October 30."

West team manager, Mr Frank Karaginnas, said West were in, despite the fact that they had "unloaded" some players.

"While we have trimmed down the squad we are merely trying out youngsters for next year, and moving on players we don't want, or who don't want to stay," he said.

"Yes, we have had money difficulties this season — the same as almost any other club — and while we are not rich, we are certainly better off than we were last year."

"We have never considered withdrawing from the NSL."

West has advertised for coaches for all its teams for 1984, with present boss, Peter Kouzios, who

replaced Alan Vest, free to apply.

He was Vest's assistant, and is keen to keep the job for next season.

Apart from assisting Vest he was also coach of West's State League First Division team.

City has invited Bobby Ferguson to stay on, but he has issued an ultimatum that if the club can't spend money to buy some new players he is not interested in coaching.

Ferguson has his own scuba diving business with a shop and team of instructors.

He came into the side after City had lost centre-back David Ratcliffe and

proved to be a perfect replacement. City could well look

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ample knows how to pepper a goalkeeper with every type of shot imaginable.

"He can put players under pressure without missing a beat. How can you go past this pair?"

Having been in on some of Blanco's sessions I can endorse Grimson's remarks comfortably.

Amazingly enough, ASF treasurer Grimson is unimpressed by the figures produced to represent AIS involvement as desirable from the financial viewpoint.

"I haven't yet done all the sums needed, but the increase in the ASF income is only sufficient to justify retaining the National coach this year on a fulltime basis," Grimson said.

The ASF has big National team commitments but Grimson can point to the availability of almost \$500,000 out of which a more carefully husbanded Scheinflug salary and incidentals

could easily be drawn. Thanks to Sir Arthur George's approaches to the Commonwealth Government, it is increasing its provision for Soccer from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

The Australian Pools income has grown from \$30,000 to \$50,000.

The income from the English Pools has jumped to \$220,000 from earlier guarantees of \$120,000 and \$180,000 per annum.

All this has been occasioned by the Australian Pools switch to the recently introduced simplified system of entry for patrons.

The costs of the National coach on current statements is said to have been allocated 100% to the Youth team and nil to the National team.

As Scheinflug is basically National coach, his recharge should not be on a purely time basis. There should be an extra loading to the Na-

"ghost team"

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juniors from the fertile local Junior Association.

While wishing the new Penrith City club every success in the huge task it faces, I must deplore the rejection of clubs from Sydney's northern suburbs.

Manly Warringah may not have its act together completely but, compared to some well-established NSL clubs weighed down with cash problems, Manly would not have been out of place in the new set-up.

Geographically, there is a cast-iron case for getting Manly, or some other club in this part of Sydney, into the NSL.

Instead, the inclusion of Penrith defies all the rules of geographical equity and sanity.

In a fairly tight area west of the city, the NSL now has Marconi, Penrith City, Blacktown City and Parramatta Melita Eagles. And the north shore remains completely barren.

This strange situation gives Soccer fans in the west a generous choice of venue when they want to watch a weekend match: but if you live near the centre of Sydney or in the eastern or northern suburbs, you are faced with a wearisome journey to see Marconi, Penrith, Blacktown or Parramatta (Melita) in action.

Obviously, the ASF has taken a punt on Penrith. For the good of Soccer, I would like the gamble to succeed.

But I have my doubts.

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again at Ratcliffe, who has stated he would like to return to Brisbane, as the man to settle their defence.

Although Liddell has been away from Scotland for nearly two years he has remained in contact and is hoping to take up where he left off with Hearts.

With the club now in the Scottish Premier League, and doing well, a successful comeback would be apt reward for Liddell.

By Greg Russell

tional team accounts — say a 50/50 division.

So fix the accounts, rethink the Youth team control, and adjust the budget to allow for a lesser number of intensive training camps.

Scheinflug should be allowed to assess Youth team players in 1984, even though there will be no matches until late in the year.

And bring the proven experts back. Once credibility is lost, then all is lost.



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OLYMPIC'S COSTLY MISSES

BY KEITH GILMOUR

FIELDING a forward line of Chris Kalantzis (16), Terry Patalis (19), and the hamstring-affected Marshall Soper, Sydney Olympic piled on the pressure to defeat Heidelberg 1-0 before 6,420 delirious fans.

The St George Stadium rafters rang as Olympic threw everything into the attack in the second half.

The architect of a deal of that second-half performance was dynamic Jim Patikas, who was later treated by the club doctor for heat exhaustion.

Patikas had spent four busy days stocking and opening his new sports goods shop - a tiring task on its own without the football.

Olympic, with Soper running on will power alone due to his injury, needed a two-goal margin to take to Melbourne for the return leg.

By rights they should have taken that and more as they hit the posts four times and had a 12-2 ad-

vantage on corner kicks.

The win was enough to make coach Manfred Schaefer extremely confident for the return game, but so was Heidelberg's Jim Tansey.

He would not predict the score for Melbourne. "We will win it," he said, and that jaw jutted out in sheer determination.

His assistant Gary Cole was to the point. "We played badly and were still basking in the glory of the semi-final win over South Melbourne," he said.

Be that as it may, it was the sheer determination of Olympic that won the day on Sunday and they deserved a greater margin.

Often natural justice was denied by Jeff Olver's

supremely confident job in goal.

Ricky Herbert played at right-back to stiffen Olympic's defence, and Cole was denied every yard of space by determined Mike Coady.

Soper and Dakos both went close as the half ended.

Olympic's enthusiasm led them to appeal for a penalty when Jim Tansey stopped the ball high on his chest on his goal-line from Terry Patalis' shot.

Against the run of play, Campbell had a chance for Heidelberg when the ball was diverted into his path.

But then the stadium went wild as Patalis scored. Peter Katholos chipped the ball in with a free-kick from near the

right corner flag, Herbert back-headed to create the chance and Patalis snapped in his shot.

Hundreds of youngsters took over the field. After play resumed Olver was superb in blocking a scorching Patikas drive.

When Scott Patterson made one of his devastating runs with five minutes remaining, there wasn't one Heidelberg player in sight to give much-needed support.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Herbert, Dakos, Coady, Jennings, Kalantzis, Phillips, Patikas, Soper (Rogers 82), Katholos, Patalis.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, Tansey, Yankos, McLeod, Valentine, Selemidis, Campbell, Lea, Cole, Patterson.



Olympic's Peter Katholos gets the ball in the Cup Final — despite a challenge from Mike Valentine.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC GET \$150,000 SPONSORSHIP

SYDNEY OLYMPIC is in the process of negotiating a three-year sponsorship deal, the biggest in the club's history and one of the biggest in Australian Soccer.

The deal has been wholly and solely negotiated by Olympic president, Jim ("Cannon") Petinellis.

Mr Petinellis last night told ASW: "I cannot release full details right now, but I should be in a position before the end of this week to make an official announcement."

"All I can say at the

moment is I am satisfied with the conditions of the sponsorship contracts which I will sign in the next day or two after my executive has ratified the legal agreement."

Sydney Olympic has had a somewhat volcanic season this year after their "marriage" with Tommy Docherty ended in divorce some eight weeks ago.

Slowly but surely, Olympic picked itself up and finished the season in seventh place in the NSL (the highest in its history).

Olympic is also in the National Cup Final, winning the first leg last Sunday against Heidelberg.

Like most clubs, Olympic finished the season very much in the red as gates dropped off when the team reeled to losses.

The club outlayed a lot of money at the start of the season for Docherty, as well as for expensive transfer deals with the purchase of Marshall Soper, Jimmy Patikas and Ricky Herbert.

This brought heavy debits to the Olympic ledger.

Now there seems to be some light at the end of the tunnel with the pending "electrifying" spon-

sorship to the tune of some \$150,000 over three years plus product, promotions and services.

The deal will go a long way to help straighten Sydney Olympic's balance sheet for next year.

Olympic has interviewed four top coaches for next season, and another announcement is expected within a fortnight from the club.

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And then the whole club took upon 1983 as a year of rebuilding and can now feel confident of better things to come next season.

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COLLECTION FOR COACH EACH WEEK

THE NSL screening committee closely examined the financial set-up of all applicants for the 1984 National competition.

That is what we were told, anyway.

But one of the new clubs may have escaped the screening microscope.

Apparently that club is so hard-up, there has to be a whip-round among committee men each week to pay the coach.

Would you believe 10 committee men tossing \$20 each into the kitty!



THAT WAS THE

MARCONI BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

MARCONI started the season in a blaze of glory by winning the NSW Ampol Cup and then finished ninth on the NSL table.

That glory came after the team defeated Auburn 5-1, Wollongong City 1-0 and Croatia 1-0 to enter the final.

After drawing 1-1 with St George, the teams went into the replay and ended up at 3-3 after extra time in another rousing encounter.

Penalty kicks decided the issue. It was so close that Terry Greedy rattled the crossbar with his shot for Saints and then John Djordjevic guided the ball home.

The League season started slowly, reflecting changes to the playing staff. The club was aware that the three hurdles it would face would be insurmountable, so far as 1983 success was concerned in the League.

Firstly, there was the 1983 \$80,000 budget cut-back that left them short of three class players, the loss of Tom McCulloch, Rod Brown, Joe Rizzotto

and Renato Licata for the World Youth Cup, and the bleeding of the young players.

Despite these worries, coach Doug Collins and assistant Mike Hickman improved the team methodically and the class of football shown improved as things went along.

At the second round stage Bruce James had proved his ability as Alan Maher's successor and players like Steve Calderan, Vic Bozanic and Tom

Sermanni were giving their best.

Unfortunately Steve Winn's cartilage job ruled him out after he had started with a hat trick and left-back Rizzotto broke a leg.

Although hampered by injuries, striker Rod Brown and midfielder Tom McCulloch indicated that they should turn out to be amongst the best players produced in Australia.

Brown has absolutely devastating firepower

and clinical accuracy, and McCulloch's midfield skills are superb.

Towards the end Ian Hunter proved his growing maturity as a high class winger. If he starts 1984 where he left off this season, he will have realised his early promise and will press for a national team spot.

John Djordjevic proved himself an enigma, especially as far as coach Collins was concerned. There was rarely room for him in the attack and he does not excel in defence.

But, to the cries of "Different" he scored twice when he was unleashed in the 4-0 home win over ultimate champions St George.

On his day he proves unstoppable in his tearaway runs. With the injuries of the previous season behind him, he could have more to offer.

Joe Rizzotto is great material. Perhaps he needs some experience in other positions, but on his day he shows scant regard for the best of opponents.

For both Rizzotto and Atilio Carbone the need is

now to curb their tempers when they flare, and they will be better players for it.

Mark Jankovics often gave his all but the dearth of goals this year and last year points to the possibility of a midfield role in future.

Financially Marconi is well placed to combine gate receipts with club income, which often relates to the football crowds. The 1983 position, with the team on the make, should be improved upon next season.

The club threw away an excellent chance of winning the National Soccer Cup when they announced National coach Les Scheinflug as 1984 coach just before the end of season semi-finals.

Deprived of his credibility with the team, Collins immediately left.

Les Scheinflug has been a sound National League performer, but Marconi's decision points to the continued instability of even the leading NSL clubs with their coaching appointments.



Rod Brown

LIONS MUST GET BETTER

AFTER experiencing the worst year in the club's history and finishing bottom of the National League, there seems only one way to go for Brisbane Lions.

And despite the disaster of the season just gone, in which the club never climbed any higher than 12th place, there is an air of confidence about 1984 hanging over Richlands.

Although Lions were soundly thrashed a number of times, the youngsters showed enough flair on the odd occasion to suggest they could mature into a competitive outfit in 1984.

The last round match against South Melbourne was a perfect example. In the first half Lions refused to let South settle nor give their talented midfield any room to move. They were subsequently rewarded by racing to a 2-0 lead.

But as happened so many times this season, the youngsters couldn't finish the job and let South Melbourne get back into the game and salvage a draw.

It should be remembered irrespective of what any other club boasts, Lions undoubtedly have blazed the way in playing youth — too much probably, but it can only reap benefits in the future.

The oldest player in the side from mid-season onwards was captain Alan Niven, at the ripe old age of 25.

Alongside Young Soccerers Russell Stewart and Danny Wright, were their Queensland Youth team-mates Alan Hunter, one of the most improved players of the year, and Peter McClurg.

And then there were players like Roddy Vasquez 20, Calvin Daunt 22, Brett Beves 21, and "oldies" Steve Hogg, John Stewart, John Ogden and Clarke Anderson all aged 22 or 23 years.

Excluding Niven, the Lions team had an average age of just over 20 years.

Club officials admit it was probably a mistake to blood so many youngsters at once, and that cost them a lowly position. But they have paid the penalty: the bad year is now behind them. Players like Stewart, Wright, Hunter and Beves can only get better.

Wright, Niven and Hogg were the only players with any real NSL experience but next year it will be different. All the youngsters will have had 12 months learning.

Even the progress they made through this season was commendable. Lions lost only six of their final 14 games and four of those were by the odd goal. They even managed a draw against champions St George.

Lions officials could see that things were beginning to happen and they are to be commended for pursuing coach Simon Kistemaker relentlessly until he agreed to sign for another 12 months.

Lions officials convinced the Dutchman his work was only half-done here and he was turning his back on what potentially is the most talented young side in Australia.

Before he resigned he demanded a commitment from club president John Morcus for the go ahead to chase a top line "experienced player" — preferably a sweeper or midfielder.

Lions gave that commitment and reportedly Kistemaker has \$30,000 to spend.

The club is also hopeful one or two former players who transferred to Premier League clubs in Brisbane may return.

Lions are definitely after another striker, to support Danny Wright who, with 10 goals, finished leading scorer. Calvin Daunt (7) was Lions' next best marksman.

Ipswich's Kevin Coleman, Mt Gravatt's Stuart Woodruffe and Olympic's Tom McGregor, along with his team-mate Graham Wilson, are players the club could be considering to bolster its ranks in 1984.

Records show that relegated teams more times than not eventually bounce back better than ever. Just look at St George. Kistemaker, and the backroom boys, like Ian Kesson, have done the spadework. The broom has been put through the club and Lions have the basis of a good side for at least the next four years.

INJURIES HALT ARROWS

WITH a new coach in Doug Collins and an entrepreneur in Johnny Warren, Canberra Arrows are moving early to make 1984 a big year.

Not, according to club president, Charlie Perkins, that 1983 was bad. "Far from it," said Perkins. "We finished in 10th place — the best ever achieved by the club."

"And one has to stress that the table was so tight that one win, and three points, would have seen us in sixth position."

Perkins was also quick to stress that it was, in his opinion, undoubtedly the tightest, and toughest year in the National League's history.

"Some aspects were disappointing, but overall I rate 1983 as a reasonably successful year."

"It's never any good complaining. We could have done better but for misfortunes with a number of players."

"No one ever expects to have a totally fit squad but I think we had an extraordinary run of bad luck."

"Five of our players, all internationals, through injury or international commitments were unavailable for the majority of the season."

"Here I'm talking of players like Gary Byrne, Duncan Cole and George

Christopoulos. "We also had other serious injuries to players like Tony Brennan and towards the end of the season, Steve Bryant."

"In fact for the last two or three matches we had the youngest side on the park of any NSL club."

"The average age was 21. That was remarkable — yet they were never thrashed. I don't believe the 5-2 defeat by Sydney City in the last game was a thrashing. It could have gone either way until well into the second half."

But Perkins, never one to mince words, was adamant that some of the older players had to go.

"So many didn't come up to scratch."

But why is he optimistic about 1984?

"Because of three reasons," he replied.

"We have a positive, workable youth policy with so many youngsters having already been blooded in the national league."

"We have a new coach with a proven track record for developing youth, a manageable debt situation and if we can keep them together, al-

ready the nucleus of next year's squad.

"We intend to add to that squad by acquiring a couple of the most exciting young players in Australia."

"In my view we will then have a really good combination of experienced players and developing young players."

Collins, never one to like being on the coaching merry-go-round, has signed a two year contract

— a contract he would like to complete.

"At Sydney Olympic and Marconi I developed exciting young squads," he said.

And when one looks at the Arrows' goalscoring

record it is room for optimism.

They found the net on 47 occasions and only Sydney City could better that by a solitary goal.

On the minus side, of

course, is the suspect defence which conceded 53 goals.

In typical PR fashion Johnny Warren quipped: "That means we were involved in more goals than any other club."

Next year, of course, in preparation for the 1985 World Athletics Cup a massive, \$7,000,000. National Sports Centre (formerly Bruce Stadium) begins. It will enhance its reputation as a Soccer stadium.

"In this world you've got to be an optimist — 1984 will be a good year," boasts Charlie Perkins.



The Canberra Arrows team

YEAR THAT WAS!

TRAUMA AND TROUBLE AT OLYMPIC

EVEN for a club which appears permanently jinxed, Sydney Olympic will look back on 1983 as the year of torment, trauma and trouble.

Yet in January, before it all started, hopes were high.

There was an air of optimism in the Olympic camp which seemed completely justified. Many people predicted the NSL title was well within the grasp of the Greek-supported Sydney team.

And why not? Vast sums of money had been spent to lure

BY DAVID JACK

players like Jimmy Patikas, Ricki Herbert and Marshall Soper into the line-up.

And pulling the strings in his own inimitable fashion was the worldly-wise Tommy Docherty as team boss, signed up at a figure of \$50,000 for the season.

I remember a pre-season party staged by Olympic's publicity man Johnny Thomson at his Collaroy Beach unit.

Thomson was the perfect host, as always, President Jim Petinellis and his committee were there. The Doc and Mary and kids were there.

It was a great party and we all wished Sydney Olympic the best of luck in 1983.



Jim Patikas

Today, all that seems light years away.

Apart from an occasional flash of inspiration from the team — like the magnificent 5-1 Pratten Park victory over NSL champions Sydney City — results were far from encouraging.

Home points were squandered against third-rate opposition. Key players like Patikas and Herbert disappeared on national team business. And Docherty found the controversial Marshall Soper more than he could take.

There is no doubting

Soper's talent. But in 1983 we did not see enough of it, mainly because of the barriers existing between player and coach.

Results continued to disappoint the Olympic supporters. Those supporters knew only one solution. They decided they'd had enough of Docherty. They turned against one of The Doc's UK imports, Steve Paterson, virtually driving him away from the club. The fans wanted Mark Koussas in the team — not Paterson.

The fact that, on the few occasions when he was selected, Koussas had played badly, meant nothing.

"Paterson out — Koussas in." That was the mood of the frustrated Olympic supporters. They had their way in the end.

As part of the scenario, the fans turned angrily on Tommy Docherty. He got out. He really had no choice.

And so to the final phase of the 1983 Sydney Olympic story.

Manfred Schaefer, rusty from six years absence from Soccer, was unveiled as caretaker-coach. He did his best to restore shattered team spirit. The

team achieved some good results — and some bad.

It was merely a holding operation, allowing Olympic to finish the season with some semblance of credibility, and perhaps, even, with success in the National Cup.

I don't know how Sydney Olympic will battle their way out of the huge financial obligations facing them. It is said that the debts are more than \$400,000. It is a frightening handicap to take into the summer recession while planning for 1984.

There have been some bright spots during the disappointing 1983 season.

Patikas and Koussas at last seem to have overcome their alarming loss of form. Soper appears to be more settled under the control of iron man Schaefer. Gary Meier has consistently looked like the best goalkeeper in Australia. And young Tony Dakos has matured into a defender of immense promise.

Phillips, Coady and Rogers have also turned in many more good games than poor ones.

As Jim Petinellis says: "We hope it will not be necessary to buy any players for next season. The big outlay was this year. If we get a capable coach, preferably a local man, I am certain 1984 will bring better things to this club."

The huge debt must be Jim's major headache.

He will also have to sort out the mess over a home ground which has bedeviled Olympic ever since they quit Wentworth Park.

Maybe a return to Wentworth Park is the solution.



The Footscray team

MCLACHLAN WAVES THE MAGIC WAND

BY GARY CUTLER

FOOTSCRAY have been one of the real surprise packages of the season.

Bobby McLachlan joined the club at the start of the season after having three successful years at Green Gully.

Bobby was given a shoestring budget and was forced to pick players with great care.

He looked at the squad and found that a number of players did not have the correct approach and a major clearout was necessary.

This meant new faces were to be introduced and McLachlan set about building a side.

Six players were bought, Gary McDowell came from Scotland and proved to be one of the best overseas recruits of

the season, filling in both midfield positions and also being a guiding force at the back.

Brian O'Donnell arrived from Blacktown to fill one of the vacant midfield positions.

Other recruits were Jamie Paton and Ken Taylor, both from Heidelberg, Ian Purdie, from Canberra City, Joe Carroll, from Ringwood City in the State League and Gus McLeod, from Green Gully.

McLeod was only at the club for the first few games before coming to a mutual agreement with the club that it would be better if he returned to

the State League and was sold to Croydon.

The side had their work cut out at the start of the season to get some sort of pattern together in such a short space of time.

They got off to a poor start and after five games they were still without a win, but at this stage the recruiting of players was still going on and it was not until the eighth round that the team was ready to mount any real challenge.

This was when the club began to put some form together and with the new players and the emergence of Vladko Belic and also Zdravko Lujic the team went for 10 matches without suffering a defeat.

They were moving slowly into the top half of the ladder and were rapidly approaching their best season in the league since they joined in 1977.

But with only seven rounds of the campaign remaining the club was hit with injuries.

Gary McDowell and Jamie Paton both missed matches, along with a number of others, and as a result the club lost the momentum it had worked so hard to achieve.

But to look at the club today and compare it with the club that started the season there is very little comparison.

The players are better and work much harder, and as a result they finished 12th in the league but are sure to be a better outfit next year as they have had the benefit of this season together.

Much of the credit must go to Bobby McLachlan who has persevered with the club and has now put them on the way to being a force in the new NSL set up.

On the whole the club must look upon 1983 as a year of rebuilding and can now feel confident of better things to come next season.



The Adelaide City team

AD CITY'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS

BY TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE City finished eleventh on the NSL table after a season in which long-suffering supporters eventually called it quits and stayed away in droves.

For the first time since the formation of the national competition, gates twice plunged to below the 1000 mark.

Changes in coaches, and at the top of the club board, did little to encourage faith or stability among supporters.

The joint coaching format failed after Johnny Perin couldn't reach terms with the club, and Bobby Ferguson took over on his own.

Three-quarters of the way through the season, president Mr Lou Ravasi announced he would quit for business reasons.

Secretary Mr Dennis McCauley followed, and it was left to vice-president Cavalier Joe Linarello to step into the president's chair.

He had held various positions way back in the days when the club was Juventus, and carried on Ravasi's austerity plan,

cutting costs where possible.

But despite sponsorship from Boral and Adelaide Pest Control — the club finished the season still in the red.

No one is saying by how much, but word is that \$300,000 wouldn't go amiss.

No star players were bought, and Ferguson had to work on a shoe string budget, a position he said he will not tolerate next year, when he will not coach unless he is assured cash to buy at least three key players.

There were times when City played exciting Soc-

cer, but it did not bring the expected results, and on the playing front the only bright speck on the future horizon is striker Joe Mullen.

The Youth Soccerroo, dropped by Australia when he was injured, finished the season with 10 goals after missing seven games, and looks like a future star.

Peter Rankin also improved as a front-runner but has yet to prove he will make the grade.

Charlie Villani and Sergio Melta will continue to be "stars" while captain Buggy Nyskohus must be the most consis-

tent defender, full back, centre back or sweeper in the competition.

England Youth international Neil Banfield looked the part as a sweeper, but left for England before the end of the season and may not return.

Attempts to salvage the club's financial "wreck" were up in the air as we went to press.

Word was that the plan to "sell" the club to supporters in an effort to wipe out debts connected with the massive club-rooms was not working.

At one stage there were even suggestions that Ci-

ty would pull out of the NSL.

Major sponsors this season were Boral \$30,000 and Adelaide Pest Control \$10,000.

Looking to the future Adelaide City will still be in the competition, but for how long remains to be seen.

Cash, and not the performances on the field, will decide.

GOALSCORERS

10 — Joe Mullen; 5 — Peter Rankin; 4 — Charlie Villani, Sergio Melta; 3 — Steve Maxwell; 2 — Les Carter, Stewart Blair; 1 — Neil Banfield, Glenn Dods, Buggy Nyskohus.



Yugoslavia's Zlatko Vujovic Kicks high to clear with Honduras' Drumond in pursuit.



Mike Wells

DARK CONTINENT LOOKS BRIGHT IN SOCCER

BY TOM ANDERSON.

THE wide gap that used to exist between the top recognised Soccer countries of the world and the so called "underdeveloped Soccer nations" is quickly being bridged.

This was very evident in last year's World Cup final series in Spain where many of the "underdeveloped nations" performed with great dexterity.

The footballing minnows such as Cameroon, Algeria, Honduras and New Zealand came away from the series with their heads held high, far from disgraced.

In June our own Soccerroos gave England the fright of its life and in the same month in Mexico Les Scheinflug's Young Soccerroos proved beyond any doubt that at youth level Australia is as good as the best of them.

Progress and development however must be maintained and increased if we are to keep in step with the rest of the world and qualify for the big one in Mexico in 1986. There is no reason why this can't continue as at the present time we have the best crop of young players ever to be developed in Australia.

It is also a good time to compare our own development with that of other ambitious nations striving to reach the top in world football.

A man who is in a position to make a comparison is Mike Wells the talented and hard working Director of Coaching of the South Australian Soccer Federation.

Mike has recently returned from a visit to Africa where he represented the Australian Government.

Before this, he undertook a study trip to Brazil a country as we all know, right at the top of Soccer.

Despite an economic crisis in all the African countries, the development of Soccer is going ahead by leaps and bounds.

"I was very impressed with the individual ability of the African players and they bore great similarities to the Brazilians," Wells declared.

"Also despite the severe economic crisis facing all of the countries I visited, money can still be found to further the advancement of football.

"The two poorest countries I visited were Zambia and Tanzania but both have signed up foreign coaches to work full-time with their national sides.

"Zambia has the Polish coach Grabowski and Tanzania has appointed Englishman Geoff Hud-

son a former Leeds United player.

"Former Soccerroo coach Rudi Gutendorf also spent time in Tanzania on behalf of the West German government before signing a contract in Japan.

"Zimbabwe do not have a full-time coach as yet, but they do have a full-time national youth coach to develop their youngsters.

"They also have a full-

time office staff and despite the high price of petrol, a fleet of eight motor vehicles for Soccer duties.

"Kenya have a full-time national coach, a fellow by the name of Marshall Mulwa who is also employed by the Ministry of Culture.

"One aspect which impressed me during my time in Africa and South America was that in all the countries I visited

they do not allow their young players to join clubs at an early age.

"Also in Brazil they do not coach the kids in the strictest meaning of the word - it's more of a conditioning process that takes place.

"In Brazil from an early age up to 14 years they are only allowed to play within clubs on a pick up basis in small games and they are made play with a



Jubilation as the Algerian team scores in the World Cup last year.

heavy ball which prohibits the use of the big punt kick.

"So for a period of around eight years they are conditioned to play touch Soccer or push-and-run whichever term you prefer.

"Intensive coaching just does not take place at this age and the youngsters are kept hungry for the real thing which comes to them from 14 years upwards.

"The high techniques which we all have come to recognise from Brazil are now spreading to Africa and these come from the kids themselves, through practice, practice and more practice.

"In Africa much the same set-up exists - built of course on Brazilian lines and kids cannot join a club in Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Zambia until 16 years of age... 18 in Kenya.

"However I feel this is too late and like Brazil the age of 14 would be more appropriate for the kids to graduate.

"However it also must be pointed out that in Africa the kids play extensively for their schools and practice every minute of their spare time.

"Unlike here in Australia, there is little or no television and it is better to get out and play ball with their mates than stay at home in their mud houses.

"I honestly think that if the African countries ever get into developmental coaching - that is, producing their own coaches from ex-players and working with the kids say from 14 upwards - then they can become a real force in world Soccer.

"I also think that we in Australia can learn and help our own development by what is going on in Africa at the present time.

"Also wherever I went in Africa, the football au-

thorities were very interested in Australian Soccer and its development.

"Cameroon were very impressed with their visit here for the 1981 World Youth Championships and the word has spread throughout Africa.

"I think that participation between Australia and some leading African countries would be beneficial to us both at senior and youth level."

Visits to Brazil and Africa by coaches such as Mike Wells can be of great advantage to our own set-up if the knowledge gained is used in the proper direction.

As I stated earlier in the piece the Africans or Third World countries are really closing that gap between the top and the bottom in world football.

However what also must be remembered and taken into great consideration, is the different environments and standards of living between ourselves, Brazil and the Africans.

Producing good footballers is tremendous, but living in a mud hut without television is something else.

The perfect solution is to prune the knowledge gained - scoop off the cream and integrate it into our own set-up.

Our kids can hold their own with the best the world can offer.

Throughout this year I've been in far off places such as Mexico, Costa Rica and the USA to see this proved beyond any doubt.

However, we must also ensure that the knowledge gained on overseas sorties by hard-working coaches such as Mike Wells will be used to improve the present healthy situation.

This lies in the hands of the ASF coaching set-up and the State directors of coaching such as Mike Wells himself.



Jim Patikas makes a bust for Olympic earlier this year.

JIM PATIKAS is now a businessman!

Last Saturday, the Sydney Olympic midfielder opened a sports store in Sydney — at 267b Liverpool Road, Ashfield.

Patikas has had some experience in the trade, working part-time in a retail sports shop in Kingsford.

He is looking forward to the Ashfield venture.

"Sport is all I'm interested in," he told ASW.

The sports store will not prevent Patikas travelling on Socceroo tours — he's in partnership with his cousin Con Riganias, who will look after the shop when he is away.

Jim promises "a good deal" ■■■ Call at "Jim Patikas' Sports World" in Ashfield.

■■■ NEIL BANFIELD, the former English Youth international, is the only player signed by Adelaide City for next season so far.

And it is not certain he will return from the UK where he hopes to play for Orient.

City's new football director, former coach Bob D'Ottavi, is expected to start contract talks this week with players.

AMID all the furore and fighting of the recent Queensland Federation restructuring meeting when Lions and City were axed from the Premier League and QSF president Ian Brusasco resigned, there was one lighter moment.

The delegate from second division club Bayside pleaded that his club had been placed too high in the restructuring and wanted to go into one of the lower amateur divisions.

Lions and City whose fate was decided in part by lower division votes, just shook their heads.

■■■ PLAYERS with Manly Warringah in the NSW State League are a pretty loyal bunch.

Maybe they don't like leaving the seaside air but several Manly players are starting to look as if they'll qualify for long-service medals.

For instance, Bruce Doyle has played 212 games, Bobby Geoghegan 180 and Chris Cassetari 150. David Jack, Robbie Stuart and John Dick have all chalked up more than 100 appearances.

MANFRED SCHAEFER may be only caretaker-coach at Sydney Olympic but he could be the front-runner for the job in 1984.

After all the expense incurred to bring Tommy Docherty to Australia, Olympic are keen to appoint a local man next time.

The committee has decided that, when the time comes to select a new coach, Schaefer should be the first man for interview.

That is the least Manfred deserves after stepping in to fill the departed Doc's shoes.

■■■ FORMER ABC Soccer man, Martin Royal, is having an extended holiday in his homeland — England.

Now retired, Martin decided he'd have a whole year there so he could visit all his old mates and relations.

Martin and his wife are enjoying their stay. He says he is comfortably settled in Haslemere in Surrey, handy for London and also the south coast.

Martin sends his very best regards to everyone in the Press Boxes in Australian Soccer and to his colleagues in ASPA.



SUCCESS breeds success — especially in Soccer.

Six or seven top players are keen to sign up with St George for the 1984 season, because everyone likes to be on a winner.

Trouble is, Saints are keeping a tight hold on their finances.

Coach Frank Arok is determined he won't allow outgoings to shoot ahead of income.

Pity other clubs don't adopt a similar common sense approach.

■■■ WEST ADELAIDE could be battling to retain winger Graham Heys for next season.

Word is that Blacktown will make a firm approach to sign the winger, and while Heys likes Adelaide, he has also said that if he moved it would be to the Sydney area.

■■■ WEST ADELAIDE looks like having two first class goalkeepers next season.

Martyn Crook and Gary Sproul have told the club they want to stay and are willing to fight for a place in the NSL team with one playing for the State League First Division team and the other for the NSL side.

West had planned to sell Crook or return Sproul to Croatia who leased him to the NSL side.

■■■ BRISBANE CITY coach Jim Hermiston's contract expired last week and City officials have surprised most by being slow to renew it. Although City had a disastrous end to the year, most felt the good showing early on would have been enough to ensure a quick contract renewal.

Apparently the hitch is with second team coach Boddy McKenzie, whom Hermiston says is "part of the team." With their Premier League team now axed by the QSF, some City officials believe McKenzie may not be needed this year. But Hermiston is firm — "you don't have one without the other".



Jim Hermiston

MANY Greek supporters of Sydney Olympic and Canterbury Marrickville are in favour of a merger between the two clubs, but there are few signs that anything serious will happen.

For almost as long as these clubs have been in existence, we've been listening to talk of a merger.

It's all talk and no action.

Jim Petinellis, Olympic president, said: "My club is not against a merger but nobody should expect it to happen in a hurry."

"Constitutions have to be changed, the Corporate Affairs people would be involved and you couldn't get anything settled in less than six or seven months."

It's a pity because if the rival Greek factions followed ONE team and supported ONE social club, Soccer could be on a winner.



Jim Petinellis



Don Campbell

DONALD CAMPBELL, SA FIFA referee, hopes his big break will come with the retirement of Sydney's Tony Boskovic.

Campbell has been on FIFA's list for 14 years, but senior World Cup matches have eluded him.

He has handled Youth World Cup games here

and overseas but has never been selected for senior World Cup finals.

Now 43, and the FIFA "dismissing" referees when they reach 50, Campbell is counting on 1986 and the Mexico finals being his biggest year.

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Mike O'Shea moves in on Liverpool's Craig Johnston.

TALENT AND DEDICATION: THE O'SHEA FORMULA!

MANY reasons have been advanced for Saint George's grand final win last year, its second place in the championship last year and now an incredible win in this year's championship.

By any stretch of imagination and in view of Saints 12 man squad, at least a quarter of the credit for their success must go to the O'Shea family; John, Robert and Michael.

There are no truer Saints around than the O'Shea boys who were all born and bred in the St George district.

They played their junior football with the Saints and for those who knew them in their earlier days, there was never any doubt that they would make it.

Talented and totally dedicated, they are a dream for any coach.

Players of far less stature are rated as stars in Australia.

It's about time the O'Shea were appropriately recognised.



Above: The smiling Robert O'Shea. Left: John O'Shea (right) moves in to support team mate Paul Wilkinson.

ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT WEEK

WINNERS of the Australian Soccer Weekly scholarships to the Johnny Warren Soccer Academy will be announced next week. Don't forget if you don't win a scholarship there are still positions available for normal enrolments with a \$25 discount to Australian Soccer Weekly readers.

BLACK MAGIC

WITH the North Rocks Under 10 team winning the Champion of Champions, this enabled Gary Black to collect his third state medal for the year, earlier being part of Allan Maher's Under 10 Granville Represent-

tative squad and the Metropolitan West P.S.S.A. team which were both successful.

These successes have capped Gary's final year with the North Rocks Club as he is moving to the Taree area at the end of this year.



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KIDS' STUFF

YOUR ASW has set a new standard in Soccer papers in Australia.

Keep up the good work, especially with the youngsters. They are thrilled to see their names published and even more thrilled to see a picture of their team.

The future of the game is with these kids. They do appreciate what Mr Gilmour does in ASW.

Hakoah member
BONDI

SKINHEADS

IN REPLY to that column Skinheads in the Australia Soccer Weekly 18.10.83. I totally agree with F. Scilluna. Being an avid Soccer fan and a Newcastle United fan and seeing the game on Sunday 16.10.83. At least we know who took over half time tactics talk in the Sydney City change room and it wasn't Eddie Thomson.

As they won the yellow card competition, the professional foul competition hands down and were lucky not to lose by more than one goal. They were outplayed in every department.

Pity help Sydney Soccer if all you can get at a Sydney game is skinheads. Any wonder the average Sydney City crowd was 500.

Jeffrey Graham,
Newcastle.

"LUDICROUS"

YOUR LONG-WINDED, though capably written, summary of the footballing codes reproduced from the Canberra Times was entertaining.

Yet it had one great weakness. It suggested that Australian Rules is a better game than Soccer. And, having stressed that point, the writer, Bill

Mandle, lost all credibility.

It is the most ludicrous statement imaginable.

There are 119 nations (according to ASW) entered in the 1986 World Cup in Mexico. Only one nation can enter the Aussie rules World Cup!

Thus, whatever virtues Aussie rules may possess, they are well and truly hidden from the world at large.

Nevertheless, the article was good reading. Mr Mandle may now remove his tongue from his cheek.

G. Rix
Newcastle NSW

NO GOOD!

It quite amazes me that there are so many people who should know better who think that the new NSL format will lead to a real revival as a new beginning for club Soccer at senior level in Australia.

I forecast without a shadow of doubt that the new NSL will, after an initial and limited successful spell, go the same way as the old NSL. The bitter truth is that Soccer at senior club level in Australia is like a terminal cancer and the latest manoeuvres are only going to extend the patient's lifespan — not cure it.

Until the people who control the game at club level are prepared to face the facts, club Soccer will continue to drift, and drift mostly in a downwards direction.

They know that over the first 15-20 years the entertainment value (the most important aspect of all) of senior club Soccer here and overseas has continued to decline to a point where many games have been reduced to a football version of chess. Yet people are expected to pay for the privilege of watching. Of course the problems of professional

Soccer as a world game are controlled and regulated by FIFA but this does not stop local officials from experimenting with ways to brighten the game up within the confines of FIFA rules.

As well, the total dependence on narrowly-based ethnic clubs whose support is slowly and in some cases quickly dissolving because their life blood of new arrivals has dried up. This problem is further aggravated by a substantial element amongst this ethnic support which can at best be described as anti-social — making it almost impossible for those clubs trying to attract new support especially amongst families, to progress and survive.

A typical catch 22 that spells disaster.

These are just a few of the many problems that afflict Soccer in Australia. They cannot be papered over with superficial restructuring or juggling.

Soccer Fan
Paddington 2021

GOOD NEWS

I wish to express appreciation for the continued coverage of women's Soccer in the pages of ASW. I was particularly pleased that room was found for so many photos of the girls in action. Our Association received excellent publicity in this way, and, frankly, I think as a result, the women's page was far more lively than in previous years.

Women in the game form a readership and a market that has not been fully appreciated by publishers. In that regard, your main competitive paper has received much favourable comment among players and club officials for their full-page reporting of women's games and Association activities.

ASW might win back some of these readers if it could attract well-written, informative articles from the numerous women's Soccer Associations.

Apparently the Gladesville-Hornsby articles during 1983 were not considered in the Serderon Prize competition, which leads me to make a simple

suggestion: establish a similar award scheme for women's Soccer, and aim to fill a full page each week with copy and photos.

I would be surprised if you didn't see the results in your circulation figures. Women's Soccer is booming.

Lee Owens
Publicity Officer
Gladesville Hornsby
Women's Football
Association

LET DOWN

I buy your paper every week and I find it very interesting to read. I will be very grateful if you could find space for my letter.

On Sunday October 30 I took my family to the Gabbie Stadium to watch some very entertaining Soccer produced by very good players which includes past and present internationals.

This eight-nation tournament was well organised and I must congratulate Fred Dayney the organiser for a wonderful job he did and for a good cause, the Spastic Centre.

I learned on the day that Fred was let down by a few people on this day, firstly by the Spanish, South Americans and Greek teams which pulled out two weeks before the tournament after expecting.

This left Fred with very little time for replacements, but I was really disgusted to see the lack of support by the Blacktown City Soccer committee.

I did not see one director or committee man helping Fred during the day. The member for Seven Hills, one of the VIP's representing Mr Wran, was totally ignored until I saw Fred taking him to the Press Box. After the game the minister was to make some presentation to the first four teams at the club auditorium, and again no director present.

What really topped it up was when Fred announced a presentation to the club and not one committee man to receive it. After the presentations, Fred thanked everybody and not one person got up and thanked him.

John Martin,
Blacktown.

LIONS CHASE STAR PLAYER

BY GREG RUSSELL

DAVID RATCLIFFE (St George), Terry Byrne (Canberra) or Gerry Gomez (Sydney City) — they're the three players woodenspooners Brisbane Lions intend chasing this summer to ensure they finish much higher up in the table next year.

They were the three names given to Lions officials by coach Simon Kistemak before he left for Holland late last month. It will be only a two-month holiday in Europe for the Dutchman — following his 11th hour decision to stay with Lions in 1984.

Kistemak had previously told the club he intended accepting an offer with second division Belgian club Turnhout but was convinced by Lions

officials to continuing work with the raw, young, Lions side.

Lions first-half performance in the final round match against South Melbourne also helped swing Kistemak's decision.

Kistemak was offered \$25,000 by board member Hans Strik if he could take the club to an NSL championship next year.

But Kistemak dismissed that offer as having little to do with his final decision.

One factor which did influence his change of mind was the guarantee from club president John Morcus that he would be given a sizeable sum to buy an "experienced" player.

With that guarantee, Kistemak set the club its targets.

He hopes one, possibly even two, of the players will have been signed by the time he returns in mid-January.

That could be a bit of a battle for the Lions officials.

Ratcliffe, as a member of the St George championship-winning team, runner-up in the NSW ASPA Player of the Year award and a 1983 Soccer representative, is certain to carry a hefty transfer fee.

Providing, of course, he wants to leave the champions.

Lions officials were heartened to read recently that Ratcliffe always intended to move back to the Sunshine State, but the article never said when.

Lions might find difficulty in signing Canberra's Byrne as well. He recently told a reporter in Brisbane he was very settled in the nation's capital and with a new baby, was reluctant to transfer.

Gomez seems the most likely acquisition, although his transfer fee could be sizeable more than when Lions came within inches of signing him mid-season.

That was before Gomez was selected in the Frank Arok Australian squad.

At that time, the deal was all set to go through, but was blocked at the last minute by the late Harry Lakmaker.

In addition to the three experienced stars, Lions are also chasing a number of talented young players, locally and interstate.

The club is definitely not panic buying to get itself out of the doldrums and intends sticking with many of the young players of this season.

The club has placed up to six players on the transfer list but these are former, or fringe, NSL players, including Nigel Lownds, Bob McSkimming, Tony Scanlan and Greg Marshall.



Gomez.

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WATSON'S CROSSES

ALEX ROBERTSON and I were invited to present trophies to the players of the Bundeena RSL Soccer Club.

Even though the weather was against the planned BBQ, everyone connected with the club maintained great enthusiasm and the awards were eventually presented in the local Community Centre.

This was my second trip to Bundeena. I also attended their awards last year and again both Alex and I were graciously looked after. The tremendous enthusiasm for Soccer in this club is incredible and they have a team spirit and dedication second to none.

As Bundeena has only a population of around 2,000, they are very often short of players but still they have managed a premiership winning side in two age groups.

They raise all their funds through raffles etc, all done by the parents and the kids: they have no sponsorship.

Over the past two seasons, many of the kids and parents have made the long trek to Sydney to watch the Slickers in action, in fact some even travelled to Newcastle for our recent league match with KB.

I hope next year we will see more of them at our home games.

So thank you all at Bundeena for your hospitality and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.



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BANFIELD IS TOP PLAYER

BY TOM McKAIN

NEIL BANFIELD won the Player of the Year Award voted for the SA division of the Australian Soccer Press Association.

The Adelaide City defender edged out West Adelaide's Robbie Dunn and team-mate Bugsy Nyskohus on votes cast during the NSL season.

Banfield, now back in England but expected to return to Adelaide next season, is the fourth City player to receive the award sponsored by radio station 5DN.

Nyskohus won it in 1979, Agenor Muniz in the following year and Bobby Russell in 1981.

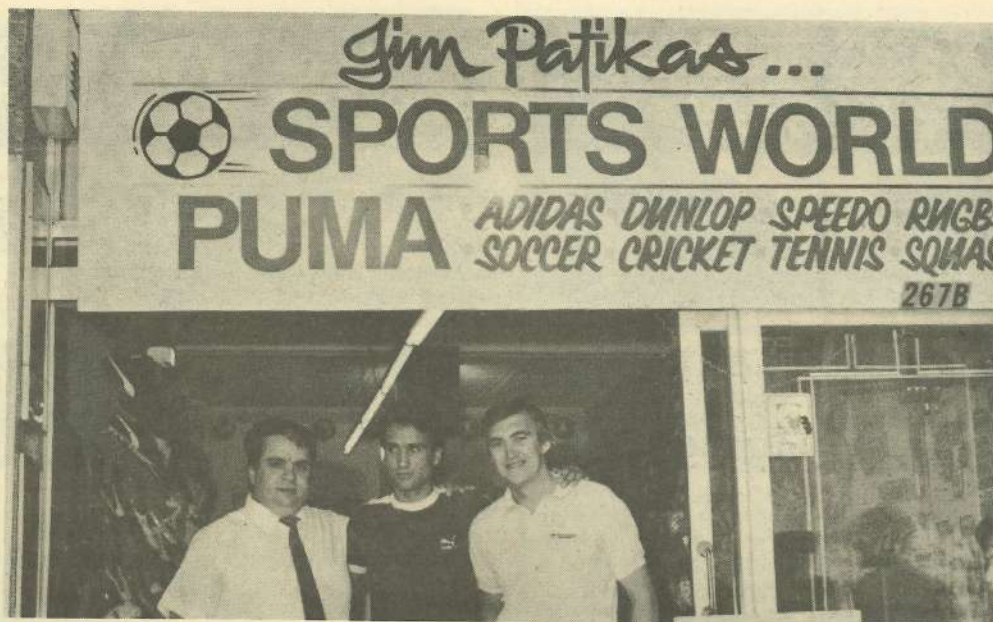
Graham Heys was last year's winner and West's former captain Neil McGachey in 1978, when the award was introduced.

It is Banfield's second major award of the season and was accepted for him at the annual Soccer writers' dinner.

A trophy for the Rothmans League Player of the Year, sponsored by Luigi Photographers, was won by Croatia Striker Gary Price.

Previous winners were Johnny Kamlietner (Beograd), Harry Bell (Victoria), Phil Cole (Azzurri), Wally Bojczuk (Azzurri) and Peter Herd (Croatia).

Right: Left to right, Sydney Olympic president Jim "Cannon" Petinellis, Patikas and Eddie Thomson. Below: ASW's John Economos, Patikas and Eddie Thomson.



SOCCER STAR'S NEW BUSINESS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIA'S World Youth international and Sydney Olympic powerful attacking midfielder, Jimmy (Zorba) Patikas, has decided to branch out into a new field of business.

Last Saturday, Patikas and his cousin partner, Con Reganias, opened their new store "Jimmy Patikas Sports World" for business on Liverpool Road, Ashfield. Just a couple of "corner-kicks" from Olympic's old home ground, Pratten Park.

The official opening saw a large crowd of

Olympic supporters in attendance, all wishing the two young entrepreneurs best of luck.

"Zorba" was especially pleased at the large attendance when he spotted coming through the front door none other than his first coach in professional Soccer, Sydney City's Eddie Thomson.

It was Thomson who de-

veloped Patikas and gradually moulded him into one of Australia's most exciting young attacking midfielders.

All last week saw Patikas under heavy pressure getting his shop in order for the official opening. From early in the morning, Patikas and his partner Con would organise electricians, pain-

ters, carpenters etc. Plus racing all over Sydney ordering stock.

Then in the afternoon he would race to the St George Stadium to attend training sessions for his club, Sydney Olympic, under the watchful eye of coach, Manfred Schaefer, in preparation for the first leg of the Cup Final.

As Jimmy commented: "It was one helluva week for me. My mind, although on the shop, never strayed from the big match with Heidelberg."

And as it turned out, Patikas was one of the outstanding performers.

It was no wonder that he collapsed from sheer exhaustion on the dressing room table at full-time, remaining motionless for an hour before slowly moving off to the showers.

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MELBOURNE STAGES CUP SPECTACULAR AT OLYMPIC PARK!

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NEXT SUNDAY at Melbourne's Olympic Park, the two NSL Cup finalists will clash again in the second leg match to determine the 1983 Cup Winners.

The Olympic Park surface will prove most beneficial to both teams as it caters for top class Soccer.

Last Sunday, Sydney Olympic playing outstanding football, defeated Heidelberg United 1-0 in a match that could easily have ended with a scoreline of 5-0 to Olympic.

In front of a crowd of well over 6,000, Olympic turned on a power-display of fast Soccer that had Heidelberg reeling on the ropes as the "blues" launched raid after raid.

Olympic hit the post and crossbar on no fewer than four occasions and were a trifle unlucky not to have been awarded a penalty as well.

The NSL Cup Final is decided on goal AGGREGATE, so it was no wonder that, after the match, Heidelberg's coach and

left-back, Jimmy Tansey, stated: "I'm more than happy to be going back to Melbourne with only a 1-0 loss after that display by Olympic."

Had Olympic nailed another three or four goals last Sunday, Heidelberg would have had to do a "Real Madrid" to get off the hook.

The Sydney side should have had the Cup won last Sunday at the St George Stadium.

Coach Manfred Schaefer had to make a quick reshuffle of his line-up last Sunday due to many injuries in his squad and brought in Ricky Herbert in place of Martyn Rogers and young Chris Kalantzis for the experienced Peter Rasopoulos.

Both put in sound displays.

For next Sunday's re-

turn, Olympic will have a full squad available, plus the return of stocky striker, Mark Koussas, who missed the first match through suspension.

It is anticipated that Heidelberg will retain the line-up that escaped a slaughter in Sydney, plus the return of tough defender, Johnny Spanos.

Many interesting duels will be contested between certain players.

Olympic's outstanding classy centre-back, Mike Coady, will probably be assigned the task of accommodating Heidelberg's giant striker, Gary Cole, whilst young Terry Patalis, (goalscorer last Sunday), will challenge either Jim Tansey again or Spanos.

Heidelberg could have problems holding the Olympic speedy midfield-

ers, especially Jimmy Patikas and Peter Katholos. Theo Selemidis, Jimmy Campbell and Mike Valentine could again be in for a busy afternoon.

Heidelberg will depend heavily on their little front-runner, Derek Lea, rapidly developing into a very dangerous striker as he darts sharply looking to break gaps in Olympic's defence.

Should goals be equal at fulltime, an extra 15 minutes each way will be ordered by referee, Chris Bambridge. And if still

the goals are even, the NSL Cup will be decided on penalties.

Much will depend on the two goalkeeping performances. Gentle giant, Gary Meier for Olympic and Jeff Olver for Heidelberg, the latter having an outstanding match in Sydney.

Sydney and Canberra fans will be able to see the match Live on Channel 0-28 with kick-off set down for 3.10pm.

A crowd of 11,000 is expected at Olympic Park for this spectacular Cup Final.

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Jeff Olver.

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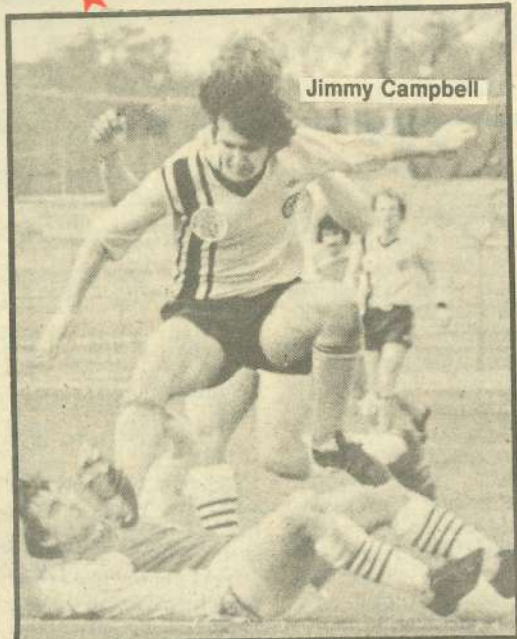
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Manfred Schaefer



Jim Patikas



Mike Coady



AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

SUTHERLAND ARE SET TO PROTEST

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

AFTER a long period of publicity and promotion the four Sydney positions in the revamped National League have been filled. New teams are Croatia Sydney, Parramatta Melita Eagles, Blacktown City and Penrith City.

Many people would agree with the selection of Croatia, Melita and Blacktown but the vital fourth spot was filled by the "unknown" Penrith City.

Without players or coaches, they face a hard task building a club within a matter of a couple of months.

The two other candidates, Manly and especially Sutherland, must feel very disappointed with the outcome. Sutherland secretary Laurie Haynes was totally disgusted!

"The whole club, committee and supporters are disgusted with the action taken by the ASF. A rescission motion will be forwarded to the ASF on their decision to reject our application," said Haynes.

"The people of the Sutherland Shire are determined to prove to the Australian Soccer public that we should be in the top competition," Haynes added.

Penrith City is a separate club to the Penrith United that finished ninth in the second division of the State League. What's even more surprising is which grounds both clubs will use.

Cook Park is the home ground of Penrith United and it remains to be seen whether Penrith City will be using Penrith Park. Both grounds are only separated by two suburbs — Kingswood and Werrington.

Remember what happened to Riverwood earlier in the year? They were forced to disband due to the laws of the NSWFSF constitution which stipulates that clubs cannot reside within five kilometres of each other.

Will this law be changed at the annual general meeting of the NSWFSF later this month?

Sutherland are not taking this setback lightly.

One aspect of the weekend's actions that a lot of people have over-

looked was the statement made by NSL Marketing manager Peter Sheehan at the special general meeting called for clubs in the NSWFSF a couple of months ago.

Sheehan said the top four teams in the NSW would probably be included in the NSL next year provided they meet the criteria.

What more does Sutherland have to do?

The four new clubs elected to the National League are naturally elated. Blacktown City president Brian Adair is pleased with the outcome.

"We were fairly confident all along and we always wanted to hear the final verdict officially. We will be upgrading our facilities at the ground to accommodate larger crowds and are in the process of negotiating to renew our sponsorship with Radio Rentals.

"We are disappointed for Sutherland missing out and look forward to going to Melbourne next weekend to find out the finer details of the competition," Adair added.

Croatia Sydney president Tony Topic who was quite sure the club would be admitted to the National League is pretty confident of their chances.

"We should have been admitted into the National League when it first started. Since the inception, we have proved how strong we are in the NSW State League and our record speaks for itself.

"With the success of our new social club at Punchbowl, things couldn't be better," Topic added.

Parramatta Melita Eagles president Emmanuel Said was sure his club would be included — if they included a district in their name.

"Next year will be a challenge for us. This year we were really only tested by two or three clubs but next season we will be facing hard games in every round.

"We don't mind having



Raul Blanco: will be coaching the Eagles next year.



Atti Abonyi will be at Croatia next year.



Blacktown City coach Casey De Bruin

a district name as long as this ruling applies to every other club in the competition.

"In terms of playing strength we will revue the situation once Raul Blanco arrives back from South America," Said added.

Penrith City spokesman John Glynn was obviously pleased with Penrith's inclusion.

"I think everyone invol-

ved with Penrith City is floating on top of the world. We will get our act moving quickly because we couldn't do anything until we knew that we would be included.

"Actually most people don't realise that this is our third submission to the National League in three years. Playing and coaching staff will be organised in the ensuing weeks," Glynn said.



Steve Watson (left) safely catches the ball during the grand final replay last month. Lee Sterrey moves across in support. Photo by DAVID JELLINGS.

WATSON WILL BOUNCE BACK

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

STEVE WATSON, for many years Croatia Sydney's first choice goalkeeper, suffered disappointment last week after he withdrew from the Australian squad to contest the Merlion Cup in Singapore.

Watson pulled out due to injury. Playing on some of the hard grounds in the NSW State League has taken its toll on him. Watson has two displaced vertebrae in his back and has

been told to rest for a couple of weeks.

"Bruno Vidaic, the Croatia captain and also a physiotherapist, advised me to rest for a couple of weeks. I've had the injury

for about four to five weeks and during a semi-final, I had a pain killer at half-time.

"Let's face it, there's no use going to Singapore if I

am not fully fit," Watson added.

At 27, Watson still has many productive years left in him.

He started his playing career with Parramatta RSL at the age of nine. From there, he moved to Granville Waratahs and progressed to Granville in the senior ranks. In 1976, after he had been playing first grade, Watson was transferred from Granville to Croatia.

But 1977 was a funny season for Watson. He couldn't even get a run with Croatia's second grade side. Archie Blue and Greg Smith were instrumental in getting

Watson to play for Central Coast United for the remainder of that season.

At the beginning of 1978 he re-signed for Croatia and has played with distinction in the first grade team to this date — bar the time in 1980 when he broke his leg and missed 10 weeks.

The last two years have been phenomenal for Watson. In all competition games and semi-finals Watson let in only 11 goals. This year in all competition games and semi-finals Watson only saw 12 goals pass him.

I asked Watson which strikers he had most difficulty with over the years.

"Melita striker Don Allan and Sutherland's Peter Beggs are players of the same mould. They always play hard and never stop training," Watson replied.

Watson spoke highly about the Croatia club, committee and supporters.

"They have been good to me and done everything right by me over the past five years. I don't think I could ever leave them," Watson said.

Next year a few of the proven strikers in the National League will know that they have played a game when they face Steve Watson. He is one

goalkeeper who doesn't shirk his duty and one who fully deserves national team selection.



PETER BEGGS

HENSMAN ENDS ON HIGH NOTE

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

CROATIA'S dangerous and popular flankman, Peter Hensman, has decided to retire and won't be playing in the new National League next year.

A bitter blow to the many followers of Croatia, Hensman, who was set to retire midway

through season took this step because of a number of reasons. "This is a sad decision

for me to make and I realise that I have to finish some time. I always wanted to finish on a high

note and this has happened with Croatia winning the Championship and finishing second in the premiership.

"My new job as a sales representative has started to take up a lot of my time. I've also been

concerned about a back injury I received playing against Blacktown this year. I fractured my spine and as a result I have been a little tentative," Hensman said.

Hensman is a player with a distinguished playing career.

From 1977 through to 1979 he played for St George. For one season he played with Olympic and for the last three years with Croatia.

All in all Hensman has played in four grand finals (winning three), in two Ampol Cup finals (winning one and losing the other) and a Philips Cup final with St George which they lost 3-2.

I asked Peter which games stood out in his career.

"That's a hard question but I would say the day I played for Sydney Olympic in the 1980 Ampol Cup Final. We won that game 1-0 and also won the grand final that year," Hensman said.

During his successful career Peter has been coached by some highly

rated men. Three coaches Hensman rates — Josef Kuze, Jim Adam and Don Kapetanovic.

Many prominent players who retire turn to coaching; however Hensman doesn't think he will take up coaching in the immediate future.

"I don't really fancy it. It all boils down to the time factor. If I am going to have the time to coach I would rather play instead," Hensman said.

On the subject of how Sydney Croatia will fare in the National Soccer League next year Hensman responded.

"I think they will go really well. They play better Soccer against teams of the same quality. They have a strong squad and they probably need a couple of more players to consolidate. They have proved themselves before against teams in the Ampol Cup."

Peter Hensman, one of the most damaging and robust flankmen in the game will be missed by Croatia and Soccer in general.



Peter Hensman (left) challenges Melita 'keeper Alex McPherson Photo by DAVID JELLINGS

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News from Illawarra

FULLBACK Micky White scooped the pool at the Fairy Meadow presentation ball held at the Fraternity Bowling Club, reports Phil Murphy.

White was named clubman of the year and best and fairest in the first grade.

He is the club's longest serving first grader, having started out with Fairy Meadow when still at school after arriving from England.

In those days he was a right winger but now plays right fullback.

Fairy Meadow's first grade player of the day was Moritzio Montecchi, who joined up from Wollongong United at the start of the season.

Montecchi deserved the award having played consistently well right through the season.

The leading goalscorer trophy went to Steve Baker.

Federation executive members Les Fairclough and Peter Coleman attended the ball with their wives and made presentations during the evening.

Fairclough told the 260 people who attended the ball Fairy Meadow look assured of a place in State League in 1984.

He said from what he has seen of the club and their officials they will be an asset to the league.

Fairy Meadow will be backed by Fraternity next season but are also in the process of starting a business venture to keep their finance stable.

The club will hold their annual general meeting tomorrow night (Wed.) at Fraternity, starting at 7.30.

Officials are hoping to

be able to name their coach for 1984 in the near future.

THE four Illawarra teams seeking a place in premier league next season will know their fate on Sunday, November 21.

That is the date of the Illawarra Association annual meeting.

The clubs lobbying for promotion are Port Kembla, Dapto, Warilla Sports and Aris.

Each has been working hard to put forward a good case but the main problem has been suitable grounds.

Port Kembla are reported to be keen to share the Police Boys' Oval with Fairy Meadow and have a strong support.

By the same token, Dapto seem certain to obtain Dapto Showground for their home games and this is a big plus for them.

Warilla Sports made an effort to share King Mickey Park with Warilla Wanderers but they appear to have struck problems while Aris will share Kelly Park with Coniston.

If a team is to drop down from premier league it could be Berkeley, who finished in last place.

They also have financial troubles and too few premier league standard players.

One thing they have in their favour is that they have a completely new under 19 side for the new season.

The talented Berkeley under 16 team of this season will move up together after winning their league and having had success in the State champion of champions series.

Kiama were expected to apply for a place in second division as a new club but they have now decided to play in the Nowra competition.

MICK Richardson was missing from Fairy Meadow's annual ball but he had good reason — his wife presented him with a son that afternoon.

The popular midfielder did arrive later in the evening to celebrate the birth with team-mates and he had a special reason.

Mick and his wife already had three children — all daughters.

He says he was beginning to think the Soccer player wouldn't arrive.

ROBERT Fryer has signed as coach of Aris after five years with Coniston.

Fryer has his fingers crossed the club will gain promotion to premier league but even so he is impressed with their organisation and enthusiasm.

He seems certain to entice at least two players from his former club and even if they stay in first division Aris should have a successful season.

MIKE Johnson was a special guest at Fairy

Meadow's ball.

Johnson started the season as coach of the first grade side but resigned when the team was unbeaten and favourites for the premiership.

These days he plays a bit of Soccer in the local church competition and is also getting a few runs at cricket.

Johnson, who played first grade cricket with Wollongong in 69's, said he scored 135 in a recent church game.

"Funny game cricket," he said "the match after we were all out for nine."

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Len McKendry

PROBLEM FOR HEIDELBERG McKENDRY OR DAVIDSON?

ALAN DAVIDSON OR LEN McKENDRY? That's the headache facing South Melbourne next year.

Coach McKendry has made it clear he is very angry with Soccerroo defender Davidson who has left for Germany and England to try his luck in the big time.

McKendry expected Davidson to stay until the end of South Melbourne's League and Cup commitments.

They lost their National League Cup semi final

3-2 to Heidelberg last week without Davidson.

"I am disgusted by the whole thing and thoroughly disappointed by Davidson's attitude," McKendry said.

"As far as I'm concerned he'll never kick another ball for South Melbourne and if the club have him back I'll go," he added.

But Davidson did not break his contract.

There was a clause which said he was only legally bound to stay until the end of the League season. It did not mention any Cup commitments.

McKendry, a strict disciplinarian, said he had always admired ambitious players but he believed the club had to come first.

Davidson has left Australia for trials with Bayern Munich in Germany and Arsenal in England.

If all fails, it is believed he will go to Japan where Rudi Gutendorf has asked to see him with the possibility of playing for Yomiuri.

Davidson was promoted to the Soccerroos during the time of Gutendorf's reign as Australian national coach.



Right: Alan Davidson

WORLD CUP IN MELBOURNE!

BY FRED VILLIERS

A 16-team mini World Cup competition will kick-off at Knox City's ground on Saturday, November 12.

Tony Kennedy, of the Knox club, has organised the end-of-the-season tournament to run for four weekends.

The teams taking part in groups are:

A GROUP - Germany, South Africa, Yugoslavia, Poland.

B GROUP - England, Scotland, Turkey, Spain.

C GROUP - Ireland, Hungary, Brazil, Malta.

D GROUP - Chile, Australia, Holland, Italy.

On the opening day two pitches will be used and official linesmen and referees will be provided.

The opening game in A Group is Germany v South Africa.

In B Group, England play Scotland, C Group Ireland meet Hungary and in D Group Chile play Australia.

On the following day, Sunday, Yugoslavia clash

with Poland in A Group, Turkey meet Spain in B Group, Brazil play Malta in C Group, and Holland play Italy in D Group.

First games start at 12.30 pm on both days.

Semi finals will be on Saturday, December 3, with the final on Sunday, December 4, at 2.30 pm.

NOT A YOUNG MAN'S GAME!

TRUTH newspaper Soccer photographer, Des Papp, is the Victorian Soccer photographer of the year.

Des, in his 70s, has been taking photos at Soccer games in Melbourne for the past 30 years and is one of the best known identities at games.

He was presented with a silver tray for his achievement at the Victorian Federation's annual meeting, at the Yarra Room, Olympic Park, last week.

Peter Desira, of the

Melbourne Sun, was named top Soccer journalist for his reports on the World Youth Championships.

Last year, ASW's Fred Villiers was named Soccer journalist of the year, with Bob Brian, of the Melbourne Herald being awarded a special prize for the best story on Soccer for 1982.

Les Shorrock, of the

Sunday Press, was awarded photographer of the year.

JOSEPH BOWS OUT

JOSEPH Mirabella, 21, has resigned as president of Brunswick Juventus Reserves and Under 18s.

Joseph has had to quit because of business pressure.

He works for his father Paul Mirabella, a former club president, in their Mirabella Emporium, in Brunswick.

During Joseph's reign, the Under 18s won the championship and the Reserves lost the Harry Armstrong Cup to Green Gully on penalty kicks 4-2 after a scoreless draw.

ITALIAN CUP STARTS

THE annual Italy Cup kicked off at Jukes Road ground, Fawkner, last weekend with 16 clubs taking part.

It is the eighth year of the tournament.

Clubs taking part include:

GROUP A - Thomastown, Triestina Moonee Ponds, Nunawading United, Batman Lazio.

GROUP B - Bulleen Veneto, Ascot St. Mark, East Carlton, Werribee.

GROUP C - East Brunswick, Abruzzo, Westall Inter, Vermont, Carrum United.

GROUP D - Fawkner Azzuri, Juventus, Geelong United, Dallas City.

The final will be played on December 11, at 4 pm.

There will also be a junior competition this year for the Lazzari Cup (under 14s).

Eight teams will take part - Batman United, Bulleen, Fawkner, Geelong United, Juventus, Regent, Thomastown, Vermont.

The tournament opens on November 19 with the final on December 11 at 11 o'clock in the morning.

The draw is:

November 19 - Regent v Batman, Thomastown v Juventus.

November 20 -

Geelong United v Fawkner, Vermont v Bulleen.

November 27 - First semi final, second semi final.

December 11 - Final.

DAVID Gilbert, new president of Heidelberg-Bundoora, a Metropolitan League club, is expected to clean out the deadwood in the club according to some supporters.

David has a reputation for being a "good operator."

IT'S ALL SO CONFUSING

APPLICATIONS by clubs for positions in a higher grade are causing the Victorian Soccer Federation selection committee their biggest headache in years.

The three-man committee met the other evening and sat until two o'clock the following morning trying to find an answer to the problem.

Said one committee member, Lew Stafrace: "We're still confused over the issue." No wonder.

There are 20 applications from clubs to join the State League.

There are 56 applications from clubs in the Metropolitan League for upgrading and 42 applicants from the Provisional League for entry into the Metropolitan League.

Shepparton United, who refused a position in the Metro. League last year, have applied to join the State League.

One club which emerges as a strong contender for a high grade is Bulleen Veneto, of the Provisional League first division.

Their multi-million dollar complex at Bulleen Road gives them a great chance of promotion and also the fact that they organised the best ever Italy Cup competition seen in eight years of the tournament in Melbourne last year.

The committee are expected to make their announcements about the new leagues this week.

TOP HONOUR FOR HIRD

BRUNSWICK Juventus' player of the year is Harry Hird.

Best club man is Billy Rogers and the most improved player is winger Andrew Zinni.

Top scorers for the year were Andrew Zinni and Fab Incantalupo who

finished equal at the end of the State League season.

The club, and supporters, left for Bali last week where Juventus will play in the Garuda Cup competition.

UNDEFEATED CHAMPIONS

BELCONNEN UNITED'S Under 23 team had the distinction of winning the premiership in the ACT State League Country Division, which included teams from the ACT, Griffith and Albury without losing a single game.

In the play-off against the winners of the ACT City Division, they defeated ANU 2-1 in extra time.

The Canberra Permanent Shield which is contested by the top four teams from the Country and City divisions also went to United, having won their pool with two wins and a draw and the semi-final was won 5-4 on penalties, after extra time, from Kambah.

In the grand final itself, there was no doubt at all about United's superiority when they soundly defeated Narrabundah 5-2.

Coach Tony Paterson, former Sydney, Wollongong and Belconnen player, was delighted with his team's results.

"With the progress these boys have made over the past two or three years, the future certain-

ly looks bright for Belconnen United's first team. The club now has the depth to ensure that all first team places will be hotly contested next season", he said.

Paterson also paid tribute to his right-hand man, manager/trainer Dieter Lange, a former Richmond (Melbourne) and Belconnen United player. Dieter made sure the boys were very fit right through the season and played a tremendous role in motivating them", said Paterson.

During the season United supplied quite a number of players for the various ACT Rep. teams; Peter Desmond, Lino Fiorese, Nicky Houston and Michael Carter were selected to play for the ACT in the National Under 18 tournament.

In the ACT Secondary Schools team, which recently won the National title in Brisbane, United was also well represented with Tony Delahunty, Peter Desmond, Victor Fernandez, Phil Jancevski, Kostas Livas, Oliver McGready, Berto Pandol-

fo and Michael Carter.

The club's policy of youth development has clearly been vindicated by the squad's performance this season.

United's first team, which on occasions played with six under 18 players,

four of whom held regular first team spots, also reached the top four in their competition.

The Under 18's who participated in the ACT Youth League finished the season in second position.



From left (back) D. Lange manager/trainer, G. Simons, T. Delahunty, C. Winslade, S. Barber, P. Jancevski, L. Fiorese, A. Lawson (captain), G. Baxter, T. Paterson (coach). (front) P. Desmond, C. Stavrinou, S. Watney, S. Rosenberg, G. Charlton, F. Giovinazzo, A. Dunn.



Coach Tony Paterson (right) and manager/trainer Dieter Lange proudly display the Canberra Permanent Shield and the Colts Cup at Belconnen United's Presentation Night at the Belconnen Soccer club recently.

HOBART THRASHES VISITING POLONIA

A HOBART XI defeated the visiting Victorian State League team, Polonia, 5-1 at Taroona.

It was a marvellous display by the Tasmanian side, despite the fact that Polonia was missing regulars Mila, Smolarek, McCluskey, and Krynski.

No team goes out to lose, so full marks to the Hobart players who only had two training sessions under coach and selector John Michniewski, the White Eagles and former Polish first division goalkeeper.

Hobart dominated the first half with Andrew Leszczynski hitting the post after only five minutes and Pace, Ward and Forster all having excellent chances.

Polonia's sporadic raids came to nought but Andy Czapnik, Marshall, Przybyla, Lakic and Dzielakowski showed that they were obviously players of class, despite suffering from the after-effects of the previous evening's merrymaking following arrival in Tasmania!

Ian Parker volleyed Hobart into a 43rd minute lead but, two minutes into the second half, Lakic raced on to an excellent long ball out of defence by Czapnik and rounded the goalkeeper to equalise. Parker was brought

down by replacement goalkeeper, Lukac, two minutes later and Bruce Ward restored Hobart's lead from the penalty spot.

Mark Leszczynski made it 3-1 on the hour with a well-struck volley from 25 metres.

In the 63rd minute, Bruce Ward's right-wing cross was superbly controlled by Nick Cook who had ghosted free inside the penalty area and he had the easiest of tasks to put Hobart into an unassailable lead.

Petrov might have reduced the arrears in the 75th minute when he had only Michniewski to beat but the giant goalkeeper, who had replaced Phil Kannegiesser only moments before, managed to smother the striker's shot.

Greg Ashwood completed the scoring with six minutes remaining when he headed home after a corner had been only partially cleared.

The Tasmanians again proved excellent hosts in the social sense. When it came to the Soccer, however, they showed again that visiting sides can expect little change from matches on their end-of-season jaunts to the Apple Isle.

TOP TRIP FOR KB

BY MYLES HAY

IN the words of popular Newcastle KB United defender Peter Burke "You join KB and become a b..... globetrotter."

Burke, whose longest Soccer jaunt from his native Rotherham in Yorkshire had been to Southend on England's south-east coast, is bubbling over with enthusiasm about KB's trip to the United States.

A few days basking in the sun on the Hawaiian Islands is followed by the five-a-side Soccer tourney in San Diego in Southern California.

The party will then fly north to take part in another Soccer exhibition in Alaska, before some of the players fly out to the United Kingdom.

It's a far cry from the uninviting pebbly beach of Southend for the lad from the coal-mining centre of Rotherham — who is now jetting around the world.



STURT HAS GONE WEST!

WEST ADELAIDE look like finishing up with three teams plus reserves in three different leagues.

The NSL club has bailed out SA Second Division team Sturt which was in financial trouble and about to fold.

However, with a share in an excellent complex they appealed for help and West stepped in to do a rescue job.

It now means it has a decent headquarters for its masses of juniors and a first class training ground for its NSL squad and State League First Division squad.

West has its playing headquarters at Hindmarsh Stadium, the home of the SA Soccer Federation, but can train there only once a week.

It has been using a school playing field for training.

Sturt share their Mortlock Park ground with a baseball and hockey club, but the facilities are excellent.

The Sturt name will be retained, but may be coupled with Olympic and the Olympic-Sturt club will be run as a separate identity.

And under the rules of SA Federation, players

who play for West's NSL or State League teams will not be allowed to play for Olympic-Sturt and vice versa, although they can be transferred.

Two of the most powerful clubs in the latter, Veneto and Athelstone, are certain to walk into Second Division because of their financial strength and playing potential.

Olympic-Sturt may find themselves on the outer, not only because of Sturt's lowly position, but because some clubs still resent NSL teams and will vote against the "new" club to snub West.

'TRIAL BY VIDEO?'

BY TOM McKAIN

WE'VE written about it before, but its happened again and the position is still unchanged — so here we go again.

Most people, apart from the referee who was unsighted, were convinced it was not Mullen who fouled Vlatko Belic.

City appealed and asked the NSL Disciplinary Committee to investigate the case, including the 0/28 video tape of the incident — if the cameraman caught it, as there were three or four incidents going on at the one time.

So until the appeal was heard, Mullen was allowed to play against West.

Now here is the flaw. A player sent off in an NSL match cannot, according to the rules, play again ANYWHERE until he serves that suspension in the NSL.

So this means that Mullen, if guilty, would be out

of all trial games AND the S.A. Ampol Cup summer series.

If that sounds confusing, it's not as complicated as the rule governing suspensions.

Take the case of Adelaide City's Joe Mullen, sent off in the club's final match of the season, against Footscray at Olympic Sports Field.

With City's program completed a week before every other team but Wollongong, there was no match for Mullen to serve his automatic one-game suspension.

Easy, you say. He serves it in the first match of the 1984 season.

But on the following Wednesday, he was due to front up for City against West in the Challenge

Cup second leg.

We pointed this out to NSL manager Stefan Kamasz, and he agreed it was one of those regulations where "common sense" had to prevail, and he felt sure that a phone call to S.A. Federation secretary Peter Nikolic would see Mullen available for the City team in the Ampol Cup.

Now that IS common-sense, but it is not sticking to the rule as it stands, and we hope that something will be done, like a simple clause saying a player can play anywhere BUT the competition from which he is suspended until he serves a match in that competition.

Otherwise we will have players ordered off in the Ampol Cup final and not being allowed to play until the following summer series.

The video judgment on Mullen also raises another point.

If a player is cleared because it is discovered that the referee sent off the wrong man, and the player who committed the offence is clearly seen fouling on the replay, can he then be suspended?

If not, why not?

It has been pointed out that only the incident involving the wrong man sent off is the subject of an appeal, and therefore that player can be cleared and no action taken against the "true" culprit.

That seems a bit unfair to the referee.

After all, he did spot an offence, and if video can clear one player why can't it convict another?



Belic (above) on the receiving end of a foul.

BY THE MARGINS

the first time in the history of the NSW Division of the Australian Affiliated Soccer Federation, an award was made to the cadet referee considered best in the following the holding of the Cadet of the Year Award recently.

referee is any aged between 14 and 18 years, referees having been submit a suitable for inclusion in referees were to participate, coming from the sea and three country. referees who par- were D. Close W. Lawson (e-Hornsby), T. (Bankstown), (Blacktown), St. George), V.

Maumouski (Southern Districts), S. Russell (Canterbury), R. Cooligan (Griffith), G. Williams (Sutherland), T. Marsh (Kuringai), J. Randall (Albury), J. Stanmore (Dubbo) and M. Connor (Manly-Warringah).



Perhaps the greatest hurdle to overcome was to decide how the best cadet would be selected.

To overcome this problem, it was decided to use the State Under 13 and 14 titles, although this required the permission of the New South Wales Amateur Soccer Federation.

Rod Woods, secretary of the NSWASF was contacted, with the Amateurs giving very enthusiastic support to the venture and of course, granted permission for the cadets

the cadets performed way above expectations.

The titles were held over a three day period, and on the second day an evening seminar was arranged for the cadets.

Many pointers were given to them on how to improve their refereeing and overall standards.

Keith Lockrey, the State Soccer referees Director of Coaching was also in attendance on the night to assist in the development of the cadets. He proved to be very popular with the boys.

Marks were awarded to each referee for the manner in which they controlled the games and how they performed as line-men, with the cadet receiving the highest mark to be declared the Cadet of the Year.

At the end of the tournament, the marks were so close between all 13 that the State officials had to go to the fourth



Cadet of the Year Robert Fong (St George) on the left, with runner-up Murray Connor (Manly-Warringah).

decimal point to separate the first two placings. All others were just behind.

Robert Fong, from St. George, emerged winner, with Murray Connor, of the Manly-Warringah branch, runner up.

Congratulations were extended not only to Robert and Murray, but to all the cadets for the manner they conducted themselves during the tourna-

ment, and for the good refereeing standards witnessed.

The New South Wales Division hopes to again conduct this competition next year.

It appears that it may now also be conducted on an Australia wide basis, as many other states have expressed great interest in what took place in New South Wales this year.

RATES OF PENSHURST



The laddies of the Penhurst West U8 team. They finished up the season up to Oatley RSL, losing 1-0 due to an own goal. Jason Falzon was the with 20 goals. The players are Quinton Pellarini, Craig Madden, Jason ett James, Kelvin Grant, Dennis Tanevski, Walter Dallacamina, Ryan David Hargreaves, Scott Henderson, Sammy Cutri. The coach is Bob

AUBURN BOYS ON UK TOUR

field Heights and RSL.

Sweeper RECORD: Fairfield Hts — Champion of winners & runners up RSL — 2 seasons

To become a professional player. g coached by 1st Div. players. T: The game itself and playing it. Defence and tackling.

N FAVOURITES: Bruce James and Rod

FAVOURITES: Glenn Hoddle.

RTS: Cricket, Basketball.

COMMENT: Jim is a very hard and reliable ad the game well and trains as hard as



JIM ADAMS

CLUB: Chullora Wovles. POSITION: Midfield. PLAYING RECORD: Chullora — Premiers two years Auburn — 1982 U/14 4th 1983 U/15 1st in Group: 4th in Finals AMBITION: To play at highest level possible. TOUR: Watching 1st Div. Games. ENJOYMENT: Being creative with the ball. STRENGTH: Distribution and Heading. WEAKNESS: Overcommitting in tackles. AUSTRALIAN FAVOURITES: Rod Brown and Brett Woods. OVERSEAS FAVOURITES: Glenn Hoddle, Boniek. OTHER SPORTS: Swimming, Surfing. COACH'S COMMENT: My nephew Adam is developing into a brilliant midfield player, who has excellent distribution. A hard ball winner and first class in the air.

WZNIAK



All the cadets who participated standing with president Tony Pollard, with Manly-Warringah's new club premises in the background.

AUBURN KIDS ARE AFTER \$40,000

AUBURN'S young squad for the tour to England in January has set itself to raise \$40,000 by the end of this month.

So far the players have been on target, which in anyone's language is a tremendous fund-raising effort.

Team coach Robert Wozniak is grateful to the management of Total Image Pty Ltd, who provided a \$3,000 sponsorship to the team to assist its cause.

Two players recently added to the squad, Jim Adams and Adam Wozniak, have been recipients of the coveted Most Prom-

ising Player Award of the Auburn club.

Both have developed well under the guidance of one-time Auburn star Len Quested.

Quested, who played for Fulham and Huddersfield and was an England B international, was certainly one of the best players to come from Britain to Australia.

The youngsters are lucky indeed to come under his guidance.

Robert Wozniak is still on the lookout for some

individual \$250 sponsorships to help some of the players to raise their share of funds for the tour.

Attack Sportswear has generously donated a long-sleeved strip for the tour.

In England Rob. Wozniak is aiming to arrange some ten scholarships.

The idea is for Auburn to utilise these with leading English and Scottish clubs in 1984 as part of its growing youth development policy.

It is an ambitious move, but it helps to make much more sense of the huge sum that has to be raised to get to England for the tournament in the first place.

The full party is: Coach: Robert Wozniak. Manager: Denis Wright. Players: Hayden Sanson (captain), David Bonnyman, Anthony Allen, Michael Beky, Paul Rago, Harry Wozniak, Stuart Coutts, Cristian Navarro, Danny Wright, Keiran Pender, Gabriel Bruno, Jim Adams, Adam Wozniak, Stuart Nolan.

VALUABLE LINK FOR S AND E

SYDNEY'S South and Eastern Soccer Football Association made one of its most important gains in its checkered history when it conducted the best U16 competition in its existence this year.

The U16 competition provided the much-needed link between the junior and senior arms of the Association.

More of its future senior teams will be products of the district, and in fact Association secretary Sil Ventura is canvassing the possibility of S&E fielding U21 as well as U17 competitions in 1984.

New Junior clubs came in this year. They were Marcellin, Redfern, Argentina and Azzuri.

Marcellin won the U16 and the U10 KO went to Redfern United. Vice-president Ron Taliana points to the success of these new clubs as an indication that schools teams can be a big asset to S&E as well as the well-founded suburban, ethnic and church clubs.

Enthusiasm was well maintained to the finish due to the success of the end of season knock-out and round robin competitions.

On the representative front the best performance was by the U11 team, who just missed out in the A.S. Tanner Memorial Trophy, losing 2-1 to Blacktown in a hotly contested final.

The overall importance of Southern & Eastern to Sydney junior and amateur Soccer cannot be underestimated.

For too long it was the weak link. Short in numbers and skills, it had to come good to provide for

the large numbers of seniors and youngsters in the area and particularly those who are of migrant background.

Now S&E has over 200 teams and an improving and enthusiastic body of administrators and coaches.

In another big breakthrough, the senior competitions were conducted with a high percentage of referees and linesmen in control of the games.

What has been accomplished can be looked at with pride by life members Bill Vrolyks, Ernie Small and Ted Simmons and the many officials that built the association piece by piece.

President Wally Holzer feels that there are many goals ahead, and wants to see S&E more and more provide the children in coming generations with an example of why Soccer is the best and healthiest of sports.

There is plenty of room for S&E to expand much further. New clubs, teams or persons interested could contact Ron Taliana 344 5070 or Sil Ventura 344 0777 in the first instance.

And there is a big place for girls and ladies competitions.

Referees' secretary Nick Asargiotis 569 0061 would be glad to hear from future referees, whether they be seniors or cadets.

Here are the successful teams for 1983:

AGE WINNERS

U8 - 1	Pagewood
U8 - 2	Transandinos
U8 - 3	Brothers
U9 - 1	Queens Park
U9 - 2	Mascot
U9 - 3	Randwick
U10 - 1	Pagewood
U10 - 2	Randwick
U10 - 3	Randwick
U11 - 1	Pagewood
U11 - 2	St Spyridon
U11 - 3	Queens Park
U12 - 1	Kingsford
U12 - 2	Pagewood
U13 - 1	St Spyridon
U14 - 1	St Spyridon
U14 - 2	St Spyridon
U15	St Spyridon
U16	Marcellin

U8 Woodfield Trophy

Winners:— Randwick.
Association Round Robin Winners — U/9 Queens Park, U/10 Pagewood, U/11 Pagewood, U/12 Pagewood, U/13 Spanish, U/14 St Spyridon, U/16 Spanish.

Association Knock Out
Winners: U/9 Astrolabe, U/10 Redfern, U/11 Randwick, U/12 Mascot, U/13 Pagewood, U/14 Mascot, U/16 Mascot.

All Age Competition
Winners: Premier Division — Cyprus Turkish; Division 1 — Bondi Bombers; Division 2 — Redfern Raiders, Division 3 — Azzuri.

PUNCHBOWL'S TROPHY



CANTERBURY Association official Mike McCall (left) hands over the perpetual trophy for winning the All-Age First Division to John Dunn of the Punchbowl Soccer Club.

The team had a wonderful run, coming up from AA Div 3 and going through the season undefeated. Punchbowl Soccer Club has Fred Corben at the helm after 29 years' service to the club and the code. Fred's son Peter has been involved for 31 years, surely a tremendous record for a father and son.

Peter is a life member of Canterbury District Assn, Canterbury Referees' Assn and the Punchbowl Club.

Fred Corben says that Punchbowl now has a huge Lebanese population. Although the club has 18 teams, it is nowhere near former days when Punchbowl fielded as many as 36 teams within the club itself. Some of the Lebanese players went to neighbouring Bankstown Assn with the National Sports Club.

Punchbowl has a run of fine grounds which are within the Canterbury Association's borders. Punchbowl Oval itself has an excellent surface and is highly valued for representative fixtures.

Canterbury Junior Soccer Club secretary Chris Hill (right) responds after the presentation of the C&D SFA Premier League trophy at Canterbury's presentation night at the Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL Club.



MONKEY BARS AND GARBAGE TINS!

WHEN the Redfern United boys trained on their little space in the local schoolground the goals were monkey bars and garbage tins.

For skill training, there were old plastic cups to dribble around.

Redfern United started this year in the Southern & Eastern Assn with un-

der 8, 10 and 12 years teams.

Joe Bogenhuber ran the under 10 team. He was usually desperate for transport. Kiddies crammed into one car, and at times a taxi had to be engaged to get them to the ground on time.

Despite all this, the U10s were full of keenness and dedication. They trained twice a week after school and would have

been glad to run on extra days as well.

In their first year they came second in U10 Div 2 and won the Southern & Eastern KO Cup.

To win the KO Cup they defeated First Division team Brothers 'A' 4-2.

The boys won their last 10 games in a row, whereas out of their first eight games they won four and lost four.

The season's record read: Won 14, Lost 4, scored 85, conceded 25, 28 points.

The scorers were: Jeff Bogenhuber 36, Sanh Duc Lieu 16, David McGregor 12, Michael Wagner 12, Con Panas 7, Tony Kim 1, Michael Willis 1.

Mrs Elaine Bogenhuber acted as team manager and gave grand support to the boys at training and at the games.

SUNSHINE IN ALBURY

ALBURY-WODONGA Soccer Association's U11 rep team stole the limelight recently and proved they could become a team to be reckoned with in the 1984 representative season.

The team, which was formed only five weeks ago, and known as the AWSA U12 for the 1984 season, was defeated 2-1 by Melbourne's NORTH-WEST REGION championship team.

"I have to withdraw my previous prediction when I said that our boys will be 'minced' by the experienced Sunshine champions," team manager Frank Finlay said.

The boys, who hardly

knew each other, played their first competitive game with determination to beat the strong forward line of the opposition team.

Both goalkeepers, Javi Montanez and Darryl Smith, conceded only one goal each, and saved many hard and powerful shots.

In the second half Darryl Smith was struck in his left eye and was dazed for two minutes.

Only a few seconds later he conceded a goal which would have been hard to fend off even without the injury he received.

Both Paul Leichman and Ian Darlitz had good games.

"They all played well, but it is still a long way away for the boys to master the skills of serious and competitive matches," Mr Finlay added.



Javi Montanez



Darryl Smith



From back, l to r: Matthew Oxenham, Byron Poulopatis, Waleed Makram, Con Panas (captain), David McGregor, Nobil Jamhour, Gordon Bogenhuber. Front Michael Willis, Michael Wagner, Peter Murray, Sanh Duc Lieu, Tony Kim, Jeffrey Bogenhuber. Not in photo: Huy Hoang.

MERRIMAC SUCCESS

Merrimac Soccer Club on the Gold Coast has been carrying everything before it, both in the 1982 and 1983 season. The secret is a blend of players, and they should go further ahead in coming seasons. The players are, back row l to r: R. Cicato, B. Dereney, G. Hayward, S. Ball, I. Shaw, M. Sedang, J. Reid, P. Scawlon. Front: B. Ferguson, G. Geary, B. Nisbet, R. Mangan, L. Walker, B. Lampit.

IT'S GREENWICH SIX-A-SIDE

WITH the season proper over, six-a-side and indoor tournaments are popular around Sydney.

One of the competitions is conducted by Greenwich Sports Club on the Lower North Shore. Three divisions are conducted.

Competing in First Division are Pamway Security Systems, ASAP Roos, Yellow Pages, North Sydney, North Ryde A, Epping Eagles, Greenwich A and Rangers.

Division 2: Lane Cove West, Greenwich Cellars, Gordon, Ararat, Lindfield A, North Ryde B, ASAP Roos B and Chatswood Penetrators.

Division 3: Lane Cove Country Club, Lane Cove West B, Hunters Hill, Epping Eagles B, Northbridge, ASAP Roos C, Kirribilli Hotel and Lindfield B.

LETTER FROM GEORGINA

I would like to say not only as a proud Croatian supporter but as a regular SOCCER WEEKLY reader, that I think this section of the paper "My Favourite Player" should be made bigger and more attractive. The prizes are fantastic but it's the reason people write that really matters.

The main reason I write is to encourage the players and congratulate them.

It would be better if this section could be included each week.

Georgina Brcic.

P.S. Georgina is a special fan of Brett Woods, the left-back of Croatia Sydney.



Belmore: Back Row, l to r, with goals in brackets: V.Black (1), M.Lisgaris (14), J.Cryer, M.Favotto, K.Tsihlis, R.Rosenberg. Front: T.Dang (1), S.Jee (5), J.Gibson (40), S.Pantzouris (6), J.Serratore (1), M.Garifalavis, P.Benetis (1).



Dapto: Back Row, l to r, J.Ryrie (Coach), P.Morgan, D.Palk, P.Sieler, C.Christodoulou, R.Berenger, K.Biro (Manager). Front: M.Duffy, S.Masters, D.Morgan, J.Scott, T.Biro, M.Smith, R.Roppa.

BELMORE AND DAPTO GALLANT U/13 TEAMS

WHEN Belmore and Dapto met in the final of the NSW U/13 Champion of Champions, there could only be one winner.

On that day it turned out to be Belmore narrowly by 1-0.

But both teams had shown up extremely well over the season.

Belmore won the major and minor premierships in the Canterbury District.

In Illawarra the Dapto boys went through to win the League championship, the Cup, the Gala Day K.O., the Gary Upton K.O. and the Lakes Heights tournament.

Over their season Belmore recorded 73 goals, with nine against. Dapto's tally was 65 in their competition and five against.

Before Dapto went down to Belmore they had a mighty record of success in the Champions series.

Playing all their games away, they accounted for Campbelltown, Peakhurst and Bathurst prior to the final. Their coach was J.Ryrie and manager K.Biro.

Belmore's coach Keith Gibson has been with the team since its inception in U/7. Jim Jee has been manager for the past three seasons.

The Belmore record since they came together in 1977 started with being

major and minor premiers of U/7 Div. 2 that year.

They then joined First Division and carried on the good work through

successive grades from U/8 to U/13 as major and minor premiers.

In 1981, as U/11 players, they added the St Ives



THANKS to Southern Districts for this shot of their U16 NSW Youth League squad. Southern Districts covers an important area of Sydney Soccer around Liverpool and Fairfield.

MICK JONES — MANLY'S COACHING DIRECTOR

BORN in Doncaster, Yorkshire, England, Mick played for Doncaster and Yorkshire Schoolboys and had trials for the English Schoolboys Team. At 15 he was working in the coal mines and at 16 was playing in the semi-professional Midland League.

Mick was invited for trials with Derby County, but joined Doncaster Rovers, then in Division

2. After badly damaging a knee whilst playing in the Reserves for Sheffield Wednesday, Division 1,

he took up refereeing obtaining a Class I Badge.

Mick started coaching local teams for experience prior to obtaining the FA Preliminary Coaching Certificate in 1960. In 1963 he obtained the full FA Badge and coached very actively for the FA, taking charge of courses.

For the next three years Mick was busy with the coaching and scouting staff of Doncaster Rovers, followed by four very successful seasons with Frinkley & Bridlington before joining the staff at Rotherham United under Tommy Docherty. However, this was cut short due to a coaching offer (via the FA) in Australia in 1970.

Whilst in Australia Mick has coached the top teams. Pan-Hellenic (now Sydney Olympic) to the Ampol Cup Final and Hakoah (now Sydney City) to the Minor Premiership. Yugal, Melita and Toongabbie have also had the benefit of Mick's coaching.

Toongabbie finished in the State League top four and under Mick won promotion to the Philips League (changing their name to Blacktown City). Highlights of that year included a 4-2 victory over St George (with Bobby Charlton playing) and a 5-1 win over reigning champions Marconi after being 1-0 down at half time with a 5,000 crowd in attendance.

Mick has twice coached Manly, missing out on promotion by one point and last year he had Manly in the top four for most of the season.

Mick was also the NSW and the Australian Director of Coaching for two years. Duties included updating of coaching standards and rewriting the coaching syllabus. It was necessary to reorganise a complete network of coaching bodies in all states.

PENNANT WINNERS

HOLY CROSS, Ryde U12 Div I team shown proudly displaying the pennant for winning the 1983 premiership in their grade of the Gladesville-Hornsby FA competitions.

They showed extra ability by going into the NSW Champion of Champions series, having to bow out of the semi-finals by the narrow margin of two corner kicks to nil. Keep moving ahead next season boys.

The players are, back row (L to R): Paul Harris, Mathew Sweeney, Martin Keevers, Tyron Farmers, John Paranchi, Santo Talarico, Tony Marco. Front row: Cris Monaghan, Franco La Rosa, Joseph Amoia, Steven Lombardo, Andrew Reilly. Coach — Gino Piazzolla, Manager — John Monaghan.



SAINTS HONOUR THEIR YOUTH



THE representative team managers and coaches received due recognition at St George's Annual presentation night at the St George - Budapest headquarters at Mortdale.

It was a great gesture by a club that was celebrating winning the National Soccer League.

The junior best and fairest player awards went to: U12: Chris Eliades. U13: Zoran Naumovski. U14: Gary Hawkesworth. U15: Chris Clarke. U16: Jim Banks.

Most improved players: U12: Demitrious Ionnay. U13: Michael Matthews. U14: Mark Goubi, Colin Wilcox. U15: Steve Austin. U16: Jim Banks.

Coaches & Managers: U12: Steve McArthur and Gary Havenaal. U13: Jim Herron and John Babb. U14: Trevor Trotman and John Loy. U15: Steve McArthur and Ray Mason. U16: Peter Whyte and Darryl Woods.

The National League U19 Youth team was coached by Howard Hadley and managed by Angelo Notaras.

NEXT WEEK!

WATCH for special articles on Sydney juniors and newsy country items.

And schools will receive emphasis with pictures and stories on top Bill Turner Cup teams.



GIANT SKILLS AT GEORGES HALL

THE introduction of the McDonald's Soccer Super Skills Awards by their coach Mr S. Bale added an extra touch for the boys of the George Hall Giants Soccer Club.

All obtained their first level (Blue) awards.

It was their first year in Soccer and they played in the U9 Div 4 of the big Bankstown United Association of Soccer Clubs.

The squad trained for one session of 1½ hours per week and they put it to very good use.

They ended up third in their competition, which does them great credit.

The players and officials are, back row, L to R: G. Parrot (manager), B. Ward, S. Billingham, R. Cook (ass. coach), S. Cook, S. Bale (coach). Front Row: M. Hardie, S. Parrot, T. Bale, D. Bathal, A. Bradley, L. Riga, C. Cuglan.

BOUQUET FOR JUNE

THE end of the Albury-Wodonga Soccer rep-season was marked when the Association's rep. team co-ordinator, Mrs June Duell was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Mrs Duell, who has been the co-ordinator since 1980, was described as a dedicated and hard working woman in promoting junior Soccer in Victoria, NSW and Riverina area by the president of the visiting teams from Sunshine, a suburb of Melbourne.

The wife of the AWSA president, Mrs King, welcomed the visitors and spectators and thanked Mrs Duell for her excellent performance as co-ordinator.

AWSA Junior Soccer promotion officer Mr Frank Finlay said Mrs Duell, who is also known as the "IRON LADY" was strict in insisting upon the best conduct and appearance of her boys.

Mrs Duell and her rep teams were invited to visit Sunshine next year for return friendly matches.

CLUBS WANT TO HANDLE POOLS

ENGLISH clubs want to run their own football pools in opposition to the long-established Pools Promoters Association.

A similar move was tried 20 years ago and had enthusiastic backing from several clubs but it failed after only a few weeks. At that time, the rulers of

Soccer — the F.A. and Football League — were opposed to the plan and made life very difficult for the new company.

So Littlewoods, Vernons and the other giants survived.

Pools promoters currently pay about \$7,000,000 a year to the Football League for use of fixtures.

Clubs now complain that's not nearly enough.

TODD GOES ON ... AND ON!



COLIN TODD, the former England full-back, recently played his 700th club match — a remarkable record of survival.

Todd is now with Nottingham Forest after playing for Sunderland, Everton, Birmingham City and Derby County.

He'll be 35 next month but says he is as fit as ever and has at least two more good years to offer the game.

Asked how he maintains such fitness, Todd replied: "During the summer, I gave away tennis and squash and just spent the time relaxing at home."

LIKE KIDS

WOLVES had a Saturday off recently — or thought they had.

Manager Graham Hawkins ordered his entire first team squad to play against Derby in the Midland Intermediate League.

It's a kids competition and the game should have been played by Wolves third team.

"I cannot ignore any opportunity to whip my players back into shape," said Hawkins.

UK SOCCER SCENE



Peter Taylor (left) talking to the players he coached at Nottingham Forest.

TAYLOR SAYS HIS PIECE

DERBY COUNTY boss Peter Taylor doesn't mind sticking his neck out when he makes a quote.

After one dreadful defeat, Taylor said: "If Derby are still in this position after another nine games, you can write me off, hang me, and call me a fake."

Honest Taylor could be talking himself out of a job.

He also admits it was a mistake spending what little money Derby had on Scottish international winger John Robertson.

Robertson is a fine player in a good team but not so hot when his team is battling to avoid relegation.

FOR SALE — A WHOLE TEAM!

EVERY player on Swansea City's books has been put on the transfer list in a desperate bid to overcome cash problems.

Swansea have been given only a few weeks to raise nearly \$700,000 or face big trouble from the bank.

The Welsh club is losing \$16,000 every week and has debts of about \$2,500,000.

It has been suggested that all players must accept a cut in wages of 50 per cent.

To overcome the immediate cash crisis of \$700,000, the Board of Directors is expected to provide half of that figure, with the sale of players contributing the other half.

Swansea do not have many players who would attract big transfer offers, but they could expect to cash in on Jeremy Charles, Jimmy Rimmer, Ian Walsh, Bob Latch-

ford, and Alan Curtis.

With one win in 12 games, Swansea are an-

chored in bottom spot in the second division with just five points.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	12	8	2	22	13	25
Liverpool	11	7	4	18	16	23
West Ham	12	7	3	18	15	23
Luton	12	7	3	18	15	23
Sheff Wed	12	6	4	18	15	21
Sheff Utd	12	6	4	18	15	21
QPR	12	6	4	18	15	21
Southampton	11	6	5	13	8	20
Coventry	12	6	4	19	18	20
West Brom	12	6	4	17	18	20
Aston Villa	12	6	4	17	18	20
Arsenal	12	6	4	17	18	20
Birmingham	12	6	4	17	18	20
Everton	12	6	4	17	18	20
Norwich	12	6	4	17	18	20
Sunderland	12	6	4	17	18	20
Stoke	12	6	4	17	18	20
Notts C	12	6	4	17	18	20
Leicester	12	6	4	17	18	20
Wolves	12	0	3	8	31	3

DIVISION TWO

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheff Wed	13	10	2	24	8	33
Newcastle	13	10	2	24	8	33
Man City	13	10	2	24	8	33
Sheff Utd	13	10	2	24	8	33
Sheff Wed	13	10	2	24	8	33
Sheff Utd	13	10	2	24	8	33
Sheff Wed	13	10	2	24	8	33
Sheff Utd	13	10	2	24	8	33
Sheff Wed	13	10	2	24	8	33
Sheff Utd	13	10	2	24	8	33

DIVISION THREE

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol R	15	9	3	25	15	30
Mull	15	9	3	25	15	30
Oxford	15	9	3	25	15	30
Sheff Utd	15	9	3	25	15	30
Wimbledon	15	9	3	25	15	30
Newport	15	9	3	25	15	30
Bolton	15	9	3	25	15	30
Orient	15	9	3	25	15	30
Walsall	15	9	3	25	15	30
Gillingham	15	9	3	25	15	30
Wigan	15	9	3	25	15	30
Southend	15	9	3	25	15	30
Scunthorpe	15	9	3	25	15	30
Bournemouth	15	9	3	25	15	30
Exeter	15	9	3	25	15	30
Preston	15	9	3	25	15	30
Bradford	15	9	3	25	15	30
Port Vale	15	9	3	25	15	30

DIVISION FOUR

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York	15	9	3	25	15	30
Colchester	15	9	3	25	15	30
Barnet	15	9	3	25	15	30
Blackpool	15	9	3	25	15	30
Bury	15	9	3	25	15	30
Tranmere	15	9	3	25	15	30
Bristol C	15	9	3	25	15	30
Aldershot	15	9	3	25	15	30
Peterboro	15	9	3	25	15	30
Chesterfield	15	9	3	25	15	30
Reading	15	9	3	25	15	30
Northampton	15	9	3	25	15	30
Halifax	15	9	3	25	15	30
Crewe	15	9	3	25	15	30
Mansfield	15	9	3	25	15	30
Torquay	15	9	3	25	15	30
Rochdale	15	9	3	25	15	30
Stockport	15	9	3	25	15	30
Darlington	15	9	3	25	15	30
Wrexham	15	9	3	25	15	30
Chester	15	9	3	25	15	30
Hartlepool	15	9	3	25	15	30

SCOTTISH PREM DIVISION

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	11	5	2	21	7	17
Celtic	11	5	2	21	7	17
Dundee Utd	11	5	2	21	7	17
Hearts	11	5	2	21	7	17
Hibernian	11	5	2	21	7	17
Dundee	11	5	2	21	7	17
Rangers	11	5	2	21	7	17
St Mirren	11	5	2	21	7	17
Motherwell	11	5	2	21	7	17
St Johnston	11	5	2	21	7	17

DIVISION ONE

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Partick	13	9	2	23	15	20
Kilmarnock	13	9	2	23	15	20
Falkirk	13	9	2	23	15	20
Morton	13	9	2	23	15	20
Dumbarton	13	9	2	23	15	20
Brechin	13	9	2	23	15	20
Clydebank	13	9	2	23	15	20
Hamilton	13	9	2	23	15	20
Airdrie	13	9	2	23	15	20
Ayr	13	9	2	23	15	20
Raith	13	9	2	23	15	20
Meadowbank	13	9	2	23	15	20
Alloa	13	9	2	23	15	20
Clyde	13	9	2	23	15	20

DIVISION TWO

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Forfar	13	9	2	23	15	20
Stirling	13	9	2	23	15	20
Arbroath	13	9	2	23	15	20
Stirling	13	9	2	23	15	20
Berwick	13	9	2	23	15	20
Stranraer	13	9	2	23	15	20
Dunfermline	13	9	2	23	15	20
East Fife	13	9	2	23	15	20
Stenhousemuir	13	9	2	23	15	20
Queen's Pk	13	9	2	23	15	20
Cowdenbeath	13	9	2	23	15	20
Montrose	13	9	2	23	15	20
Albion	13	9	2	23	15	20
E Stirling	13	9	2	23	15	20

F.A. IS SHORT!

ENGLISH clubs are paid \$1,300 per player per match when their players are called up for England international duty.

Trouble is, payments have fallen behind.

The F.A. kitty is rather bare — hence the delay in payments to clubs.



Allan Clarke

BROTHERLY LOVE MATCH

ALLAN CLARKE, the former England centre-forward, now team man-

ager of Scunthorpe United, is trying to sign his brother, Wayne Clarke, on loan from Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Wolves, struggling to get points in the first division, are in hurry to part with anybody. They turned down the Clarke for Clarke bid.

FINANCIER Robert Maxwell says he is willing to sell his shares in the Oxford United club for about \$200,000.

Maxwell is unhappy about being unable to get a new ground for the club.

WHEN Morton's player-coach Alex Miller moved to St Mirren as team manager, he became the youngest manager in Scotland's Premier Division.

Miller is 34.

FROM DOC

YOU just cannot keep Tommy Docherty out of the news.

After watching several top English games since he quit his Sydney Olympic job, The Doc was asked to sum-up what he'd seen.

"A lot of what I've seen in the Canon League is best summed up as a load of cannon balls," said Docherty.

"Some teams are so negative, they should be sponsored by Kodak."